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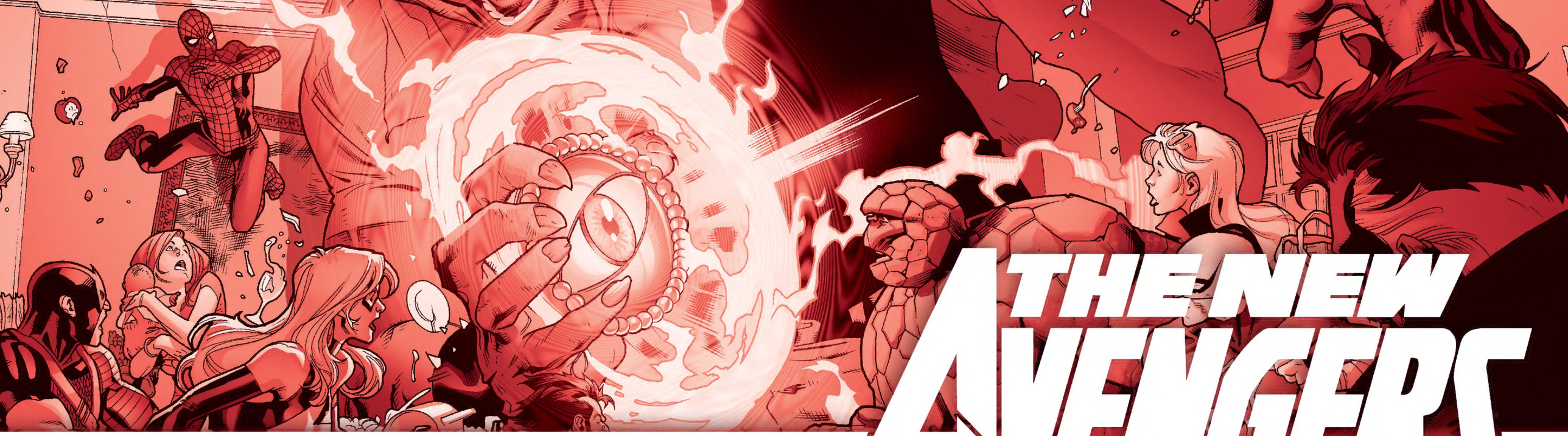

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# NEW AVENGERS 1

DAIMON HELLSTROM, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

THE GORGERELL TRANSPORTATION SPELL. FROM THE BOOK OF VISHANTI. PAGE 567.

THANKS FOR MEETING ME, DOCTOR STRANGE.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'VE BEEN BETTER.

IS YOUR PROBLEM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL?

MYSTICAL.

SEE, I TOLD YOU.

I TOLD YOUR AVENGERS PALS, I TOLD YOU.

THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE HAS WEAKENED. MAYBE BEYOND REPAIR.

WHAT IS IT?

ALL THE FIGHTING AND BATTLES AND DARKNESS THAT THE WORLD HAS SEEN.

ALL OF IT HAS WEAKENED THE BARRIERS THAT KEEP THE MORTAL PLANE SAFE FROM THOSE WHO WOULD TAKE IT FROM US.

THERE'VE BEEN ***BREACHES.*** THERE'S BEEN ***INVASION*** INTO OUR WORD.

I THINK I AGREE WITH YOU.

LATELY, THERE'VE BEEN ***DISTURBANCES*** IN THE ASTRAL PLANE.

YES.

WE--ARE--IN--TROUBLE.

WE HAVE TO GET AHOLD OF DOCTOR VOODOO AND COMPARE NOTES.

HE IS THE SORCERER SUPREME NOW.

WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT ***WHO*** IS HERE AND ***HOW*** THEY GOT HERE.

OH, I KNOW ***HOW*** THEY GOT HERE.

# POSSESSION

THEN WHAT WAS THE #@%# POINT?

AVENGERS TOWER. NEW YORK.

LUKE!

I TOLD YOU CAGE'D SAY THAT.

I WANT YOU TO BE AVENGERS. ALL OF YOU.

COME ON, CAP. YOU WANT US TO MOVE IN HERE AND DO WHATEVER YOU SAY.

NO, I WANT YOU TO--

AND I'M SAYING--***ALL*** THAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH. NOT JUST US...BUT ***YOU*** TOO.

ALL THAT WE FOUGHT FOR. AND YOU WANT US TO JUST MOVE IN HERE AND DO WHATEVER YOU ***SAY?!***

THAT'S ALL BEHIND US. THIS IS A ***NEW*** DAY. ON ***EVERY*** LEVEL.

THE WAR IS WON. THE BATTLE IS FINISHED. YOU GET TO CHOOSE.

I AM ASKING YOU TO ***CHOOSE*** TO BE HERE.

I'M NOT ***MAKING*** YOU. ***NO ONE*** IS MAKING YOU.

AM I NUTS, OR DOES THIS SEEM LIKE WE FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO GO AND DO ***EXACTLY*** WHAT TONY STARK HERE WANTED US TO DO.

YOU'RE BOTH--IT'S BOTH.

YOU SEE LUKE'S POINT THOUGH, RIGHT?

YES AND NO, IRON FIST.

IT'S A ***CHOICE*** NOW. ARE YOU ***REALLY*** NOT GETTING THAT?

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SYMBOLIC GESTURE.

YOU GET ***THAT,*** RIGHT? I MEAN, YOU WERE CAPTAIN AMERICA.

LUKE, ALL THIS TIME. YOU CALLED YOURSELVES AVENGERS...

HIDING IN THE BASEMENT OF DOCTOR STRANGE'S HOUSE OR WHEREVER YOU WERE.

YOU SAID YOU WERE AVENGERS.

NOT JUST 'CAUSE, STARK... BECAUSE ***HE*** SAID WE WERE.

DO YOU STILL ***WANT*** TO BE AVENGERS?

YEAH, I JUST--

GIVE ME A DOLLAR.

WHAT?

GIVE. ME. A. DOLLAR.

I DON'T, UH, HAVE ANY CASH.

HERE.

HERE.

CONGRATULATIONS.

YOU JUST BOUGHT THE NEWLY-RENOVATED AVENGERS MANSION.

NOW GO BE AVENGERS.

SAVE THE WORLD.

WAIT...
WHAT?
TONY KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE PROBLEMS ADJUSTING.
SO THIS IS PLAN B.
YOU WANT TO BE AVENGERS? YOU WANT IT ON YOUR OWN TERMS?
NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER.
GO. GO SAVE THE WORLD.
WE'LL HAVE A TEAM *HERE*. YOU'LL HAVE A TEAM *THERE*.
YOU DO WHAT YOU DO. WE'LL DO WHAT WE DO...AND KNOWING THE WAY THE WORLD WORKS...
...WE'LL PROBABLY TEAM-UP WHEN WE HAVE TO.
WHO DO WE GET?
WHO DO YOU WANT?
YOU CAN'T HAVE THOR OR IRON MAN.

DOCTOR VOODOO'S SANCTUM SANCTORUM. NEW ORLEANS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JERICHO?

I AM TRYING TO MEDITATE, DANIEL.

YOU SHOULD BE STUDYING THE ANCIENT TEXTS.

BE QUIET, DANIEL.

THE MEDITATION SPELL OF THE VADIR. FROM THE BOOK OF CRUEDA. PAGE 89.

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE SORCERER SUPREME NOW DOES NOT MEAN YOU CAN SET ASIDE YOUR HERITAGE.

I'M NOT *SETTING ASIDE* ANYTHING. I'M--

YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS A HOUNGAN.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I HAVE TO STUDY MORE.

SEE?

I HAVE TO FIND THE OFF SWITCH FOR MY DEAD BROTHER'S SPIRIT WHO WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE.

YOU NEED ME.

TO STOP TALKING.

JERICHO.

FOR FIVE MINUTES.

JERICHO!

WHEN YOU WERE ALIVE... YOU NEVER TALKED THIS MUCH.

JERICHO!

HELLO, JERICHO.
STEVEN, DAIMON.
UM--
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
HOW ARE YOU?
WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING DOWN HERE?
SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG.
YES.
WE NEED YOUR HELP.
THERE'S TROUBLE.
WE NEED TO SEE THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO.
YES.
YOU NEED TO GIVE IT TO ME NOW.
WHO AM I SPEAKING TO?
WHO IS SO BOLD *AND* POWERFUL THEY COULD TAKE THE FORM OF THE MASTER STRANGE?
RUN, JERICHO!
WHO AM I SPEAKING TO, REALLY?

SO NOW WE LIVE IN AVENGERS MANSION.

WE *OWN* AVENGERS MANSION.

AND, *COME ON,* THOSE ARE WORDS YOU *NEVER* THOUGHT YOU'D SAY OUT LOUD.

BY THE WAY, I'LL GIVE YOU FIFTY DOLLARS FOR IT RIGHT NOW.

WHAT?

THE BUILDING. THAT IS A HUGE RETURN ON YOUR INITIAL INVESTMENT.

YOU *ARE* A SHREWD BUSINESSMAN, DANNY RAND.

I'M PRETTY SURE I OWN HALF OF IT ANYHOW, JESSICA.

HOW'S THAT?

YOU BOUGHT IT WITH MY DOLLAR.

YEAH, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

SHOULD WE, I DON'T KNOW, GO IN?

HONESTLY...

I KIND OF JUST WANT TO STAND HERE AND LET THIS MOMENT HAPPEN.

YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT.

GEE.

OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH.

I'M STILL HAVING MY MOMENT.

I HAVE TO PEE.

YOU.

JOO.

STOP RIGHT THERE.

STOP.

MY NAME IS VICTORIA HAND.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

PUT THAT GUN DOWN, CRAZY WOMAN!

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. YOU WERE NORMAN OSBORN'S SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY.

STOP!

JUST STOP!

SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY?! SCREW YOU!

I WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R., LADY.

I WAS S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMAND.

I HAVE A NOTE FOR YOU.

PUT THAT GUN DOWN OR I WILL KNOCK YOUR HEAD OFF YOUR--!

TAKE THE NOTE.

TAKE THE NOTE.

FFTT!

Luke Cage

HUH.

Luke,
I Need a favor. I need someone to keep track of you guys. Not to interfere or tell you what to do. Just someone to help facilitate your work there. Someone to help you help the world.

I know it's not what we discussed but it is something I think will benefit us all in the long run.

This is a woman who I think deserves a second chance. I thought you of all people would appreciate that.

Steve Rogers

WHAT'S WITH THE GUN?

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, WALK UP TO YOU AND ***BLOW KISSES?!***

I DON'T HAVE ***POWERS.*** YOU PEOPLE HATE MY GUTS AND COULD ***KILL*** ME.

CLAP

AAGHH!

CLUMP

SLIDE

WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING WORKING FOR NORMAN OSBORN IN THE FIRST PLACE, PRINCESS?

TRYING TO *HELP THE WORLD.*

THAT REALLY DIDN'T WORK AT ALL, DID IT?

YEAH, I ALREADY FIGURED THAT OUT ALL BY MYSELF. BUT THANKS.

DON'T SWEAT IT. I'LL LEAVE.

THIS WAS HARDLY MY IDEA.

THEN WHY'D YOU COME?

BECAUSE CAPTAIN AMERICA ASKED ME TO.

SORRY.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

NO, LUKE.

ROGERS ASKED.

SHE JUST HELD A GUN TO OUR *BABY'S HEAD!*

JERICHO, YOU CAN'T FIGHT THIS!

YOU HAVE TO RUN!

AAGGH!

COLOTOR'S PROTECTIVE SPELL.
BOOK OF VISHANTI.
APPENDIX XIII

TELL ME YOUR NAMES, DAEMON!

GIVE FORWARD THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO AND YOUR BROTHER'S SPIRIT WILL BE SPARED TRUE SUFFERING.

TELL ME YOUR NAME.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE *DYING* TO.

RUN!

JERICHO! RUN!

DON'T FIGHT THIS FIGHT! YOU CAN'T WIN!

RUN!

DANIEL!

THE LONGORIAN SPELL FOR THE BATTLE OF AN ASTRAL INCURSION INTO THE CORPOREAL WORLD.

DON'T LET THEM WIN!

DON'T LET THEM--

THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO IS NEEDED FOR THE NEXT EVENT TO HAPPEN.

SEE, THE TROUBLE WITH YOU IS THAT YOU HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE WORLD ACCORDING TO NORMAN OSBORN.

OH, MY GOD.

SO YOU BROUGHT WOLVERINE HERE TO *STICK* ME?

I'M NOT OSBORN, LADY. THAT'S NOT HOW WE DO THINGS.

ANSWER THE MAN.

OKAY, FINE. YOU WANT TO DO THIS... I'LL DO IT.

OSBORN WAS A SICK MAN. BUT HE WAS A GENIUS.

AND I DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO TRY TO HELP HIM LIVE UP TO HIS POTENTIAL AND TO COMBAT HIS DEMONS.

AND I DID SO GLADLY. WHY? BECAUSE HIS IDEAS FOR THE WORLD WERE BOLD AND BRASH, AND IF YOU *REALLY* LOOK AT WHAT HE DID...

IF YOU COULD SEE PAST THE ILLNESS...

LOOK AT HOW *WILLING* HE WAS TO GET HIS HANDS DIRTY TO KEEP THE WORLD TURNING...

IT'S HARD TO ARGUE THAT HE WASN'T SUCCESSFUL.

UP UNTIL THE POINT THAT HE WASN'T.

HE'S IN JAIL.

AND IF HE WASN'T BY NOW, I WOULD HAVE HAD TO PUT HIM DOWN MYSELF.

SPEAKING OF JAIL...HONESTLY, I'D RATHER BE *THERE* THAN BEING SANDBAGGED LIKE THIS BY *YOU* GUYS.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO COME WORK WITH US?

REALLY?

BECAUSE NOW MORE THAN EVER, I THINK YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT AND WHEN YOU'RE WRONG.

I THINK YOU NEED A PERSPECTIVE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN. EVERYONE DOES.

IMAGINE WHERE NICK FURY AND TONY STARK WOULD BE IF THEY HAD GOTTEN OFF THEIR EGO AND DID THE SAME.

AND FRANKLY, STEVE ROGERS OBVIOUSLY THINKS SO TOO OR HE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE YOU AND ME GO THROUGH ALL THIS.

SHE LYING?

=SNIFF=

NOT EVEN A LITTLE.

WELCOME TO THE AVENGERS.

IT'S A SECOND CHANCE. DON'T MESS IT UP.

OKAY, THEN.

AND STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM MY WIFE. SHE WANTS TO KILL YOU.

YEAH, I GOT THAT PART.

OKAY, NOW WHAT?

TIME TO PUT THE BAND BACK TOGETHER.

SEE IF WE CAN'T SURPRISE SOME PEOPLE.

YOU CALL THIS THE AVENGERS?!

THIS IS THE *NEW* AVENGERS.

BENJAMIN J. GRIMM!

THE NEW AVENGERS.

YOU WANT IN?

ME?

I KNOW YOU GOT YOUR FANTASTIC THING GOING ON...BUT YOU AND ME...ALL OF US, WE GOT *HISTORY*.

AND WHEN 'HE WHO WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO CALL CAPTAIN AMERICA ANYMORE' SAID I COULD PICK A TEAM.

WELL...DAMN, MAN, YOUR BIG HEAD POPPED RIGHT INTO MY MIND.

LUKE, COME ON.

HE'S SO BUSY.

HE'S IN THE FANTASTIC FOUR ALREADY.

A MAN CAN ASK!

THE AVENGERS.

HEY, I'M AN X-MAN AND ON *TWO* AVENGERS TEAMS.

YEAH, HOW THE HELL DO YOU DO THAT?

MULTITASKING. IT'S MY MUTANT POWER.

DON'T TELL ANYBODY.

I DO LOVE MY FAMILY... SUSIE, REED, THAT OTHER GUY...

BUT THEY ARE DRIVING ME ABSOLUTELY INSANE LATELY.

I'M NOT SAYING YOU *QUIT* THEM. I'M JUST SAYING, WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE...COME HERE.

HO!

CARONI'S TELEPORTATION SPELL FOR ENDANGERED MATERIAL POSSESSIONS. TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL ITALIAN.

CARONI'S BOOK OF THE FOUND. PAGE 9087

WHAT THE HELL JUST *HAPPENED?!*

I DON'T KNOW.

IS THAT--?

#$$! IS THAT DOCTOR STRANGE'S EYE OF AGO-AGOWHATTHEHEY?!

IT JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE?

IT JUST APPEARED IN--IN--RIGHT IN MY HANDS!

WELL, PICK IT BACK UP.

*YOU* PICK IT UP.

WAIT, WAIT, THAT'S NOT STRANGE'S ANYMORE. IT'S VOODOO'S.

WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?

IT WAS LOOKING FOR ME...

IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING.

DOCTOR VOODOO IS DEAD.

THIS IS TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE NEWS.

HAND IT OVER, LUKE.

WE'LL AVENGE HIS DEATH TOGETHER.

DO YOU GUYS KNOW WHERE VOODOO WAS WHEN THIS WENT DOWN?

DO WE EVEN--?

WHO AM I SPEAKING TO?

THE NEW RULER OF THIS DIMENSION.

WITH YOUR HELP...

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LUKE?!

JESS, GET THE BABY OUT OF HERE!

OH, MAN...WHAT NOW?!

BEN, TAKE THE EYE OF ATO-WHAT-TO AND RUN FOR IT!

GET IT OUT OF HERE!

WHY?

BECAUSE, IN MY EXPERIENCE, IF THESE DEMONIC WHATEVER-THEY-ARE WANT IT, WE DON'T WANT THEM TO HAVE IT!

NO, I MEAN, WHY ME?!

BECAUSE YOU'RE BIG AND MADE OF ROCKS!

I GOT IT!

I GOT IT!

IS THIS DOCTOR STRANGE OR NOT?!

IS THIS A SKRULL THING?

OH, PLEASE, GOD IN HEAVEN, NO!

SMASH

JUST GET THE EYE!

GET THE EYE!

YOU!

I HAVE TO SAVE MY HUSBAND!

TAKE THE BABY AND GO UPSTAIRS AND KEEP HER SAFE!

ME? I-I-I--

CRASH

WHOA!

BOOM

BAM

THAT IS A BAD WAY TA FIND OUT WHO WOULD WIN IN A FIGHT:

LUKE CAGE OR THE THING.

WHY CAN'T WE HAVE ANYTHING NICE?!

SMACK

MAN, YOU BROKE OUR NEW HOUSE ALREADY?!

LOGAN, GRAB IT!

THUMP

NO, YOU DON'T!

HUAGH!

THUMP

AGH!

I GOT IIIAAAEE!

KEEP THEM AWAY FROM IT!

MINE!

SORRY, BABY.

SCRACK

OW!

GET IT!

GET IT!

GOT IT!

YIIYY!

HELP!

SNIKT

CHLICK

SNIKT

CHLICK

HEY!

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW, IT JUST--

OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!

UH...

OH MY GOD!

UH...

TOOMTOOMTOOMTOOM

AAAIIEEE!

WAAGGH!

BOYS.

HUH.

USUALLY THIS WOULD BE CLOBBERIN' TIME...

KRA KOOM

GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO SETTLE FER PAYBACK TIME!

ALL RIGHT!

I'VE SEEN ENOUGH NINJA CRAP IN MY LIFE TO KNOW A DEMON POSSESSION WHEN I SEE ONE.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE LIFE I LEAD LATER, BUT FOR NOW...WHY DON'T YOU PUNKS TELL ME WHO THE HELL I'M ***REALLY*** TALKING TO?!

YAARRGGHH!

AAAARRGGHH!

WHO ***ARE YOU?!***

LORD!

WHAT DID YOU DO?

GO!
GET OUTTA HERE!
DID YOU KILL THEM?!
NO.
YOU CLAWED THEM!
ONLY A LITTLE.
YOU ONLY STABBED THEM A LITTLE?!
I ONLY POPPED A LITTLE BIT OF CLAW.
OH, I THOUGHT THAT MEANT IT WAS COLD OUTSIDE.
WHERE'S THE BABY?
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING THE BABY.
BABY'S ASLEEP. I GOT THE BABY MONITOR.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, WATCH iCARLY RERUNS WHILE YOU GUYS HAVE A BIG MAGICAL LALAPALOOZA?
ARE THEY DEAD?
THEY LOOK DEAD.
THEY'RE BREATHIN'.
AND BLEEDING!
GO GET A TOWEL OR SOMETHING.
WE NEED A DOCTOR.
IF ONLY WE HAD ONE--OH YEAH, YOU STABBED THE DOCTOR.
WILL YOU GO GET A--?!
HUAAAAAAAA!

LUKE!
LUKE, BABY, ARE YOU IN THERE?!
MMMM'M RIGHT HERE, BABY.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOU?
AAIE!
JESS!
ALL RIGHT. LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN!
AAGGH!
THE LADY ASKED YOU PRETTY CLEARLY.
WHAT'S UP, BUTTERCUP?
WHO ARE YOU *REALLY?*
I'D TELL YOU, BUT REALLY, WOULD YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND?
TRY US.
YOU SEEM SIMPLE.
OH, REALLY? TOUGH GUY IN THERE.
I KNOW WHAT TO DO.
HI. I NEED YOUR PHONE.
I'LL GIVE IT BACK OR BUY YOU A NEW ONE. I LIVE RIGHT OVER THERE.
HERE! DON'T *HIT* ME!
I'M NOT GOING TO HIT YOU.
TAKE IT!
WHICH ONE WAS SHE?
I DON'T KNOW.
SHE'S HOT.
SHE'S INSANELY HOT.
I'M NEVER GOING TO SEE MY PHONE AGAIN.

THAT WAS-- AGH--SMART OF YOU, LOGAN.

YEAH? WHICH PART?

YOU KNEW THAT SEVERE PHYSICAL TRAUMA TO THE HOST BODY COULD--SSS--CEASE A DEMONIC POSSESSION.

OH, UH, SURE.

HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT. HE STABBED YOU JUST TO STAB YOU.

WELL, =ARGH= EITHER WAY.

WHAT'S HAPPENING, DOC? WHAT THE HEY IS GOING ON?

LET ME TRY AND HEAL MYSELF AND AND WE'LL TRY AND--FIGURE IT OUT NOW THAT IT'S OVER.

IT AIN'T OVER.

WHY? WHAT IS IT?

IT GOT CAGE, TOO, WHATEVER IT IS.

IT GOT CAGE.

YOU GUYS GOT IT ALL WRONG! I'M YOUR PAL, LUKE!

BEEHH!

CAGE WOULD NEVER SAY PAL, PAL.

OKAY, THEN... HUMAN, I'LL MAKE YOU A DEAL.

OH, GOODIE, A DEAL!

GIVE ME THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO AND I WILL GIVE YOU BACK YOUR FRIEND.

TELL US WHY YOU WANT IT?

I AM A SERVANT OF THE HE. THE EYE... IT BELONGS TO THE HE.

IT'S A FAIR TRADE. YOUR HERO FRIEND FOR ONE BAUBLE.

THIS IS WEIRD.

HE WHO?

WHO'S THE HE?

LUKE! ARE YOU IN THERE? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

LUKE!

YOU WANT THE FATHER OF YOUR CHILD BACK? YOU NEED TO GIVE ME WHAT I CAME FOR.

LUKE, FIGHT IT!

FIGHT PAST IT!

JESSICA?

LUKE?

YOU SON OF A--!

I GOT A BETTER DEAL FOR YOU!

HEH.

I FORGOT HOW MUCH I LOVE EARTH HUMANS.

YOU GIVE US OUR FRIEND AND I *WON'T* SMASH THIS INTO A MILLION LITTLE PIECES.

AND I *SO* WILL.

BECAUSE THIS CREEPY DEMON THING YOU'RE TRYING TO PULL HERE...NOT A FAN.

HUURRAAGGH!

HO!

OH, LOOK AT YOU, MISTER FEISTY.

GIVE!

SIT DOWN!

GRACE

GGKKSS!

PSST.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

SSHH!

I'M HEALING.

THE GORGERELL SELF-HEALING SPELL. FROM THE SCROLL OF MELSALAM.

HELP ME PREPARE HELLSTROM FOR A HEALING.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

WE GOTTA GET OUT THERE AND HELP CAGE.

WE'RE GOING TO NEED HELLSTROM.

THE TERRANOTTI HEALING SPELL. FROM THE SCROLL OF MELSALAM.

NNAAAGGHH!

AAGGH!

LAY BACK DOWN. LET THE SPELL FINISH--

WHO DID THIS TO US?

I DON'T KNOW.

THEY'RE TRYING TO PULL THIS DIMENSION APART.

THIS IS ALL I NEED.
DANNY!
COME ON, DANNY!
YOU KNOW WHAT I HATE?
KABOOM
DEMON SASS!
I HATE IT!
FALUUMMMPP
NOW STAY DOWN ALREADY!
LUKE!
LUKE!
HE CAN'T HEAR YOU, JESS!
YES, HE CAN!
WE GOTTA FIND DOCTOR VOODOO AND FIND OUT HOW THIS ALL STARTED.
CAN YOU GET LUKE INSIDE SO WE DON'T BOTHER ANY MORE CIVILIANS?
GET AWAY FROM IT!
GET AWAY FROM IT!
WHICH "IT" ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE EYE OR THE DEMON?
STRANGE, YOU FEELING BETTER NOW? BECAUSE WE COULD REALLY USE SOME GOOD OLD FASHIONED WHAMMY.
PLEASE!
OR YOU COULD JUST TELL THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOT MASTER MAGICIANS WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON AND HOW WE CAN SAVE LUKE?
FOR SATAN'S SAKE!
IRON FIST.
HE JUST TRANSFERRED.
WHICH ONE?
NO, IT'S LUKE THAT-- OH! UH-OH.
MAN, I SHOULD'A SEEN THAT COMING.
YOU WILL NOT PASS THROUGH, CREATURE.

I AM VOODOO!

I AM SORCERER SUPREME OF THIS DIMENSION!

YOU COWARD. YOU FILTH.

YOU SNUCK UP ON ME AND GAVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT...

THE GORGERELL TRANSPORTATION SPELL. FROM THE BOOK OF VISHANTI. PAGE 567.

BUT YOU LOST YOUR CHANCE HERE.

YOU WILL RELEASE THE HUMAN AND YOU WILL SURRENDER THE EYE, LACKEY.

THE EYE DOES NOT LEAVE HERE, HELLSPAWN!

YEAH!

YEAH!

THE EYE DOES NOT LEAVE THIS DIMENSION.

AND YOU CAN TELL YOUR MASTER I SAID GO $@$%@# YOURSELF.

WELL, THAT'S A LITTLE OVER THE TOP.

WELL...

THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED!

DROP IT!

THE TERRON ATTACK SPELL. FROM THE BOOKS OF DORMAMMU.

THE CRYTORRYK BANDS OF CONTAINMENT. FROM THE SCROLLS OF CRYTORRYK-SAR.

THE SINKTARI ATTACK SPELL. FROM THE BOOK OF SHATAKI.

YOU WILL BE PUNISHED.

NO...

DID IT TAKE DANNY?
OH NO...
NO, NO...
DON'T SAY THAT. NOW YOU'RE SCARING ME.
DANNY!
WHAT THE HELL?
YOU BASTARD!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
YOU'RE THE SORCERER SUPREME! YOU LET THIS HAPPEN!
YOU LET THIS HAPPEN!
YOU--YOU GAVE IT TO HIM! YOU--YOU--!
WHAT'S GOING ON? HOW--HOW DID I GET OUT HERE?
I SHOULD KILL YOU FOR *LETTING THIS HAPPEN!*
WHOA! HEY!
THIS AIN'T GONNA HELP DANNY!
KILL YOU!
WE GOTTA GO GET HIM. TELL US HOW.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
*NO!*
*NO! WE DON'T UNDERSTAND!*
*WHAT HAS HAPPENED?*
*WHAT IS THE EYE?* WHERE DID IT GO?
WITHOUT THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO...
WE FORFEIT.
TELL ME WHAT TO DO.
TELL ME WHAT TO DO AND I'LL DO IT.
WHAT DO WE FORFEIT?

ESSEX HOUSE

EVERYTHING.

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NO.
NO. NO.
NO.

#@$@#
@#!@#!
@#!@#!

CAPTAIN AMERICA!
CAPTAIN AMERICA SAYS TO ME: "MISS HAND, THERE'S NOT A THOUGHT IN THAT HEAD OF YOURS I AGREE WITH BUT I THINK YOU'RE A PATRIOT."
"SO GO BE AN AVENGER."
BE AN AVENGER! LIKE IT'S A GOOD THING.
LIKE THIS IS MY-- AARRGGHH!

LET'S JUST CALL IT WHAT IT IS, "CAPTAIN!"

INSTEAD OF GOING TO JAIL I HAVE TO GO TAKE @#$ FROM LUKE CAGE AND WOLVERINE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

DONUT

AARRGGHH!

NO LEFT TURN

OKAY, FINE.

FINE.

FINE.

I'LL SHOW THEM WHAT THE WORLD IS SUPPOSED TO BE--

SPIRIT
HOME
INSURANCE
VILS

UH... HELLO?

HOO BOY.

WHAT IS HE?

HELLO?

UM...

HE IS CALLED THE IRON FIST.

HE WAS ONE OF THE MORTALS ALIGNED WITH BOTH DOCTOR STRANGE AND DOCTOR VOODOO.

WHY IS HE HERE?

I USED HIS BODY AS A VESSEL TO TRAVEL. HE HAD THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO.

I BROUGHT *HIM* HERE TO BRING THE EYE HERE.

I *SEE* THAT.

IT'S IN HIS HAND.

YES, I SEE.

IT WAS A STRUGGLE. BUT THE EYE IS *HERE*.

THE EYE IS IN HIS HAND.

YES.

BUT IT'S NOT IN MINE.

HIS BODY SHOULD HAVE MELTED INTO NOTHING BUT SLAG AND ASH WHEN IT CAME HERE.

AND YET IT DID NOT.

MORTALS CAN'T BE HERE. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

IT IS OBVIOUSLY A *PROTECTED* FORM.

IT IS NOT.

CLEARLY IT IS.

IF I'M DEAD AND THIS IS IT... I AM GOING TO BE *SO* ANGRY.

HOW ARE YOU HERE, IRON FIST?

HOW AM I HERE?

KIND OF FEELS LIKE A TRICK QUESTION.

BEING AS I DON'T KNOW WHERE *HERE* IS AND I DON'T KNOW WHO *YOU* ARE.

HUH-BOY.

MS. MARVEL
THE THING
SPIDER-MAN
OKAY, I'M GOING TO GO ON RECORD RIGHT NOW.
I DO NOT LIKE THIS.
WOLVERINE
LUKE CAGE
JESSICA JONES
DOCTOR VOODOO
HELLSTORM
DR. STRANGE
MOCKINGBIRD

CENTRAL PARK.

I'M NOT A FAN OF THE SKY LIGHTING ON FIRE AND OPENING UP AND DEMONS FROM HELL DROPPING OUT OF IT.
AND I'M DEFINITELY NOT A FAN OF BOTH THINGS HAPPENING AT ONCE.
I'M NOT A FAN OF ANY PART OF IT.
MAGIC GUYS... LET US HAVE IT. WHAT DO WE GOT?!
OUR DIMENSION IS TORN, LOGAN.
I TOLD YOU IT WAS WEAKENED AND NOW IT IS TORN!
WHERE EXACTLY DID THE TEAR COME FROM?
AND WHERE IS IT TORN TO?
AND WHERE'S DANNY?
WHAT DO WE DO?
STRANGE, DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE SPECIES OF DEMON?
NO.
THEY'RE WOLFSBLOOD FROM THE DARK DIMENSION.
NO THEY'RE NOT, DAIMON.
I'M LOOKING RIGHT AT THEM.
THEY'RE SOMETHING ELSE.
CAN I GO PUNCH ONE BEFORE PEOPLE START GETTING EATEN?
YOU NEED PERMISSION?

SPIDEY, YOU TAKE THE STREET, I'LL TAKE THE SKY.

BEN, YOU DO EVERYTHING ELSE.

WHAT'S THE PLAN, STRANGE?

VOODOO AND HELLSTROM, COME WITH ME.

COME WITH YOU WHERE? THE BATTLE IS *HERE.*

NO.

WE'RE BETTER SUITED TO FIGHT THIS BATTLE THAN THE OTHERS.

NO.

WE'RE BETTER SUITED TO FIND A ***SOLUTION*** TO THE BIGGER PROBLEM, WHICH IS BIGGER THAN THIS.

HE'S RIGHT. AND IT'S HALF YOUR FAULT ANYHOW.

THAT IS ENTIRELY--

VOODOO, WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO YOUR SANCTUM.

MORDUNE'S REVERSAL TELEPORTATION SPELL.

WAIT, YOU'RE LEAVING.

I'M COMING BACK.

INTERRUPTED.

YOU'RE ***LEAVING*** US HERE TO DEAL WITH THE DEMON HORDE FROM HELL?

IT'S PROBABLY NOT HELL. HELL I WOULD RECOGNIZE.

THESE DEMONS LOOK ***MUCH*** WORSE.

MORDUNE'S REVERSAL TELEPORTATION SPELL.

LUKE, I HAVE TO GET THE BABY.

GET HER AND TAKE HER TO YOUR MOM'S IN JERSEY.

I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN.

YOU GUYS NEED A NANNY.

I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY--

YEAH, YOU KNOW ANYONE?

IS THERE A GHOSTBUSTER IN THE HOUSE?!

YOU DON'T NEED A DEGREE IN BOTH PSYCHOLOGY AND PARANORMAL PSYCHOLOGY.

JUST THE LATTER WILL DO.

YOU KNOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT MOVIE.

YOU'VE ***NEVER*** SEEN GHOSTBUSTERS?!

I'VE BEEN BUSY.

I CAN'T EVEN TALK TA YOU RIGHT NOW. THAT IS SO UPSETTING.

DUDE, I'VE BEEN ***BUSY!***

YOU KNOW, WITH STUFF LIKE ***THIS.***

MAYBE WE SHOULD OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THESE FINE FELLOWS AND SEE IF WE CAN'T COME TO SOME SORT OF PEACEFUL ACCORD.

MEH. NOT MY STYLE.

DON'T SAY MEH.

FIRST DAY AS AN AVENGER AND LOOK AT THIS MESS.

FIRST DAY?!

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE GHOSTBUSTERS AIN'T ON CABLE EVERY-- OOF!

KLUMP

KLUPMPH

ALL RIGHT, BOYS. PLAYTIME'S OVER.

"PLAYTIME'S OVER?!"

WHAT?

WE DON'T GET A "IT'S CLOBBERING TIME"?

I MEAN, IF *EVER* THERE WAS A TIME THAT I WOULD DESIGNATE AS AN ACTUAL TIME TO CLOBBER....

...*THIS* WOULD BE THAT TIME.

IF I'M GONNA BE AN AVENGER I'M GONNA NEED TA COME UP WITH A NEW AVENGER-FRIENDLY CATCHPHRASE, DON'TCHA THINK?

*WHAT?*

IT'S THE ALL-NEW ME.

OH NO.

NO *NO NO.*

I DIDN'T COME *ALL THIS WAY* IN MY LIFE TO FINALLY BE ON THE AVENGERS WITH YOU AND YOU TRY TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE *THIS.*

I CAN GROW AS A PERSON. TRY NEW THINGS.

NO. YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT.

DO YOU SEE ME SKIMPING OUT ON THE NERVOUS PATTER THAT COVERS UP THE FACT THAT I'VE WET MYSELF BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE BEEN REPLACED AS THE DOMINANT SPECIES ON THE PLANET?!

NO, IT DOESN'T SEEM YA ARE.

*EXACT*LY.

LEARN FROM EXAMPLE.

IT'S ALL I'M SAYING.

AVENGERS MANSION.

HUT!

UH-OH.

OH, COME ON!

OKAY. UM, AVENGERS MANSION, CAN I HELP YOU?

@#$@#!

HUAARR!

SHPUMP

AAGH!

OKAY! OKAY.

I'M A LITTLE OUT OF PRACTICE.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE DONE THIS SUPER HERO $@#$, AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...

I WASN'T THAT *GOOD* AT IT WHEN I WAS GOOD *ATAAAII!*

HEY, CAN YOU FLY?!

IF YOU CAN FLY, GIRL...

FLY!

HHHUUARR!

BDDM

WHAT THE HELL *IS* ALL THIS, JONES?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

DID YOU GUYS DO THIS?

NO. OF *COURSE* NOT. WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU NEED ME TO DO? I'M HERE. WHAT DO YOU NEED?

GO HELP THE OTHERS! I NEED TO GET MY BABY.

GO THEN.

THANKS FOR THAT.

IT WAS, Y'KNOW, PRETTY DECENT OF YOU.

YEAH, OKAY, GO GET YOUR BABY.

YOU KIDS SETTLE DOWN.

BOOM

OKAY, THEN...

BOOM!

ANY OF YOU PUNKS SPEAK ANYTHING REMOTELY CLOSE TO ENGLISH?

FOOM!

THIS AIN'T GETTING BETTER.

HOPE THE MAGIC BOYS KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

DOCTOR VOODOO'S SANCTUM SANCTORUM, NEW ORLEANS.

OKAY. WHAT THE HELL ARE WE GOING TO *DO*?!

WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT DIMENSION IS ATTACKING US.

WE NEED A COPY OF TYTREK'S DIMENSION GUIDE.

WHO'S STRONG ENOUGH TO POSSESS YOU?

I'M NOT AS STRONG A MYSTIC AS I USED TO BE, DAIMON.

BULL. YOU'RE DOCTOR STRANGE.

YOU DON'T GET POSSESSED BY SOME D-LEVEL DEMON FROM SOME #$%#$ DIMENSION.

AND I SURE AS HELL DON'T EITHER.

I DON'T GET SNUCK UP ON BY TROLL MONKEYS. THIS IS A BIG DEAL.

THIS IS A HEAVY HITTER USING SOME STRONG MAGICS TO PULL SOME BIG MOVES.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

DAMN RIGHT, I'M RIGHT.

THE DIMENSION IS ***RIPPED***. THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO IS ***GONE***.

I HAVE COMPLETELY FAILED AS SORCERER SUPREME.

CAN YOU CRY IN YOUR SOUP ON YOUR *OWN* TIME?!

THEY TOOK MY BROTHER.

THEY TOOK IRON FIST.

CAN YOU IMAGINE TWO NOBLER MEN TO HAVE BEEN FELLED BY MY FAILURE?

THEY TOOK YOUR BROTHER?

WHO IS POWERFUL ENOUGH AND MOTIVATED ENOUGH TO TRY A PLAY LIKE THIS?

I DON'T KNOW.

OKAY, I'LL ASK ONE MORE TIME, WHO ARE YOU AND--

THE EMBLEM ON YOUR UNIFORM-- I RECOGNIZE THE SYMBOL.

YEAH?

I KNOW THIS.

I KNOW THIS. THE--THE MOLTEN HEART OF THE DRAGON SHOU-LAO.

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU ARE A MYSTIC WARRIOR.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, A COOKIE?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT MEANS OF ALL THE MORTALS YOU COULD HAVE TAKEN POSSESSION OF TO COME HERE, YOU PICKED ONE WHO IS PROTECTED BY THE SACRED ARTS.

HOW WAS I TO KNOW?

HOW WERE YOU TO KNOW...

HAND OVER THE EYE, WARRIOR, AND I WILL RESPECT YOU AND YOUR TEACHINGS AND LET YOU WALK AWAY FROM THIS.

I'M FINDING MYSELF UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IF YOU COULD ***TAKE*** THE EYE FROM ME YOU ***WOULD***...

BUT...YOU CAN'***T***, CAN YOU?

A DEAL CAN BE STRUCK.

UH-HUH. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

SEND ME HOME, LOWER DEMON, BEFORE I RIP YOU INTO OBLIVION.

HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT?

TWO WORDS: DOCTOR AND STRANGE. SO YOU BETTER--

WRONG TWO WORDS.

HAAARR!

COME ON!

COME ON!

COME ON!

SHOW YOURSELF! SHOW SOME HONOR!

HONOR.

YOU BRING UP THE NAME OF STEPHEN STRANGE AND YOU TALK ABOUT HONOR?

THIS IS WHY YOUR KIND NO LONGER GETS TO RULE YOUR OWN DIMENSION.

IGNORANCE. WEAKNESS.

DO YOU THINK THERE IS ANYTHING DOCTOR STRANGE KNOWS THAT I DO NOT?

THE ANSWER IS NO.
BECAUSE EVERYTHING HE KNOWS, I TAUGHT HIM.
HE IS MY GREATEST FAILURE.
AND IT IS BECAUSE OF *HIM* YOUR TIME IS DONE.

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GUYS!

SERIOUSLY, GUYS!

YO, GUYS!

SERIOUSLY...!

THIS ISN'T WORKING!

DOCTOR VOODOO'S SANCTUM SANCTORUM, NEW ORLEANS.

THIS SHOULDN'T BE THIS HARD, STRANGE!

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? BETWEEN THE THREE OF US--YOU, ME, HIM...

DAIMON--

WE'VE BEEN STUDYING THE MYSTIC ARTS, AND ALL THAT THAT ENTAILS, FOR OUR ENTIRE *ADULT LIVES!*

YES, BUT--

THAT'S A LOT OF KNOWING AND KNOW-HOW HERE.

THE MEDITATION SPELL OF THE VADIR, FROM THE BOOK OF CRUEDA. PAGE 89.

SO WHY CAN'T *WE* FIGURE OUT WHO IS DOING THIS AND WHAT THEY WANT?!

IT'S HARD TO READ WITH YOU YELLING DIRECTLY IN MY FACE.

AND I'M SAYING THE TIME FOR READING WAS EVERY *OTHER* TIME *BUT* THIS TIME.

YOU SHOULD ALREADY *KNOW* WHAT THIS IS.

YOU WERE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC DAMN ARTS. AND JERICHO *IS* MASTER OF THE DAMN ARTS.

BOTH OF YOU--YOUR EDUCATED GUESS SHOULD BE *FANTASTIC.*

I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO IGNORE YOU.

STRANGE... WHAT ABOUT PAST CONCERNS?

ANY OF THE RULERS OF THE DARK DIMENSION?

LIKE A BARON MORDO? OR A DR. DOOM?

OBVIOUSLY, I THOUGHT OF THIS.

BUT HERE'S MY THINKING--

HERE WE GO--

ANY OF THE NORMAL ANTAGONISTS WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH HERE ON EARTH THAT INVOLVE THEMSELVES WITH MAGIC AND THE MYSTICAL DIMENSIONS...I THINK WE CAN RULE THEM ALL OUT.

BECAUSE?

MASSENTEAR'S LEVITATION SPELL, FROM THE ORAL SCROLLS OF TOOLI.

BECAUSE, THINK...

HOW WOULD RIPPING THIS DIMENSION OPEN AND LETTING ANOTHER DIMENSION POUR OUT AND INVADE IT LOGICALLY ***BENEFIT*** ANYONE WHO IS TRYING TO CREATE SOMETHING FOR THEMSELVES ***HERE?***

MAYBE IT'S JUST A CRAZY PERSON WHO WANTS EVERYTHING IN THIS DIMENSION TO ***GO AWAY.***

LIKE: IF I CAN'T HAVE IT ***NO ONE*** WILL.

LIKE: MY GIRLFRIEND DUMPED ME AND NOW I'M GOING TO GET BACK AT EVERYONE!

I WARNED YOU! WE'RE BEING INVADED BECAUSE WE'VE WEAKENED THIS DIMENSION TO THE POINT WHERE--

IT'S SOMEONE OR SOME***THING*** FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.

IT'S SOMEONE WHO WANTS THIS DIMENSION TO BE PART OF THEIR OWN.

OR SOMEONE WHO WANTS THIS DIMENSION TO COLLAPSE.

BUT WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH A CATASTROPHE?

AND WHO ARE THEY THAT THEY NEED THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO TO SUCCEED AT THEIR QUEST?

EXCUSE ME! THEY UP AND ***TOOK*** THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO!

IT'S ***GONE!*** AND THEY ***ARE*** SUCCEEDING!

YES.

AND WHO COULD ***DO*** THAT? SOMEONE SKILLFUL AND TRAINED AND POWERFUL.

SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO TAKE POSSESSION OF ***US*** AND KNOWS WHO WE ARE TO EVEN TRY--

WE WHO ARE TRAINED NOT TO LET THAT HAPPEN.

SOMEONE SO POWERFUL THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO COME TO THIS DIMENSION AND WE COULDN'T FEEL THEIR PRESENCE UNTIL THEY WANTED US TO.

THEY TOOK MY BROTHER'S SPIRIT AND THEY TOOK DANNY RAND, THE IRON FIST.

ONE WOULD HOPE THAT, WHEREVER THEY ARE, EITHER ONE OF THEM OR BOTH OF THEM ARE MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS TO GO FURTHER.

JERICHO, AT THIS JUNCTURE I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE GETTING OUR HOPES UP ABOUT ANYTHING.

SHOW ME WHAT'S GOING ON IN NEW YORK!

I CAN DO THAT.

THEN DO IT.

GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF, DAIMON.

THE HOUDON-LOU VISUALIZATION SPELL OF THE REAL.

BY THE VISHANTI.

THIS IS MUCH WORSE THAN I--

CRACK

--THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO GET!

AND I WON'T LIE TO YOU, THEM NOT TALKING IS STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES.

DAMN.

GUYS, I THINK WE GOTTA CALL THE OTHER AVENGERS OR THE FANTASTIC*CAA!*

GUYS, I NEED A LITTLE*MMM!!*

*MMMGG!*

*MM!*

KRAKOOM

WHAT WAS THAT?

I MISSED IT.

KIND OF BUSY.

SWEET CHRISTMAS, GIRL.

OKAY, THAT HURT.

YOU GET MAJOR WIFE POINTS FOR THAT ONE, JESSICA.

WELL, GOOD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW I LIVE FOR THE--*AAAIIEE!*

I KNOW YOU'RE RELEARNING YOUR SUPER HERO STUFF...

BUT, FIRST RULE/BEST RULE: *"YOU GOTTA WATCH YER BACK, GIRL."*

IS THE BABY OKAY?

IS JERSEY OKAY?

NO, I MEAN IS IT LIKE THIS?

BABY'S WITH MY MOM IN JERSEY.

JERSEY IS JERSEY.

HONEY, *NOTHING* IS LIKE THIS.

HUAAG!

NICE!

MY MOM'S MAD AT YOU, BY THE WAY.

WHAT DID I DO?

I DIDN'T SAY SHE WAS SANE.

JESSICA, FLY LUKE OVER TO THE GUGGENHEIM AND DROP HIM IN THE MIDDLE!

THAT IS THE BIGGEST GATHERING OF THESE THINGS!

THAT'S WHERE THE MOST DAMAGE IS BEING DONE!

SO THAT IS WHY I *SHOULD* DROP MY HUSBAND THERE?

I'M GOING IN!

GOING IN *WHERE?*

SEE IF I CAN CLOSE THIS PUPPY.

STOP THIS AT THE SOURCE!

TELL ME SHE IS NOT THAT STUPID!

STEPHEN, YOUR FRIEND MS. MARVEL IS TRYING TO--

OH, NO.

SHE'S HEADING RIGHT FOR THE DIMENSIONAL TEAR!

IDIOT! GO! GO!

CHENZY'S EMERGENCY ACT OF SELF ASTRAL MANIPULATION, FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 3549.

SHOULD SHE BE DOING THAT?

HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW?

I WAS TALKING TO MYSELF, HONEY.

HUH! I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HOT.

@#$%! GO! I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT.

AAGGH!

CAROL! GET OUT OF THERE!

OH, NO...

WHY WON'T SHE FLY OUT OF IT?!

CARELLI'S FORCED MORTAL ASTRAL EXTRACTION, FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE, APPENDIX 309.

AAAAIIIEEE!

GOT YA!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

YER WELCOME!

@#$@#$!

AAAAAIIIEE!

CAROL, LISTEN TO ME. YOU ARE OKAY!

AAAAIIIEEE!

I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE.

I HAD TO PULL YOUR ASTRAL FORM OUT OF YOUR PHYSICAL SELF OR YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCKED INTO THAT DIMENSIONAL RIFT AND YOUR PHYSICAL BODY WOULD'VE DISINTEGRATED.

EVEN YOURS-- EVEN SOMEONE AS POWERFUL AS YOU!

YOU'RE OKAY. YOUR BODY'S OKAY AND YOUR ESSENCE IS OKAY.

OH MY GOD!

OKAY, THIS IS WEIRD.

I KNOW.

AND--AND I GAVE BIRTH TO AN ALIEN ONCE!

COME WITH ME!

VALAKANAKIS ASTRAL FORM MORTAL COMMUNICATION PROJECTION, BOOK OF FIRE, APPENDIX 4564.

MS. JONES, BRING HER BODY HERE!

SAYS THE DISEMBODIED VOICE IN MY HEAD THAT I'M JUST GOING TO DECIDE IS DR. STRANGE AND LISTEN TO.

THANK YOU.

PLEASE PUT ME BACK IN MY BODY!

I'M GOING TO.

CAROL! I NEED YOU TO FOCUS AND SETTLE DOWN.

TRY TO GO MENTALLY LIMP FOR JUST ONE SECOND.

I'M SURE THAT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.

GOOD.

I WAS BEING SARCASTIC.

I WAS AWARE.

WHAT THE @#$@ IS GOING ON?!

CORELLI'S THIRD-PARTY ASTRAL FORM REINSTATEMENT, BOOK OF FIRE, APPENDIX 4123.

JUST HOLD STILL.

YOU CAN TELL DR. STRANGE IS HERE WHEN THE CREEPY DEMONS STOP PAYING US ANY MIND.

HE DOES ROCK THE MUSTACHE.

SEUM

UH...WHAT'S HAPPENING?

CAROL?!

GOYHA!

WOW!

PLEASE DON'T EVER DO THAT TO ME AGAIN.

I THINK HE JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE.

AND WHAT'S THAT NOW?

WHAT THE HELL?

I DON'T KNOW.

WELL, AIN'T THAT SOMETHIN'!

YEAH, WHAT?

LOOKS LIKE THE SHOW'S OVER.

CAN WE GO HOME NOW?

OH, WE AIN'T DONE YET.

AM I NUTS OR IS THERE--?

SOMEONE JUST FELL OUT OF THAT THING.

GET TO THE OTHERS.

HOUNDON VISITATION TELEPORTATION SPELL, FROM THE SCROLLS OF NOR.

YOU SEE WHO THAT IS, RIGHT?

STRANGE IS GOING TO NEED HIS BODY BACK IN NEW YORK.

WELL, COME ON THEN!

GET ME THERE!

GOTCHA.

IS--IS IT YOU?

IT'S HIM.

IT'S ME, LUKE.

I MADE IT BACK. THEY LET ME GO.

HOW THE HELL ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?!

AND THEY LET YOU KEEP THE EYE, DANNY?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WERE? DID ANYTHING *COMMUNICATE* WITH YOU?

SMACK

WHOA HO HO!
YOU ARROGANT SON OF A BITCH!
DANNY, COME ON!
HEY!
THIS IS ALL HIS FAULT!
ALL OF IT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR LITTLE MAGIC MAN FRIEND HERE!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?!
THIS ALL-SEEING "EYE OF AGAMOTTO"?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID TO GET THIS? DO YOU KNOW WHO HE TOOK IT FROM?!
IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY MASTER!
I KNOW! I JUST TALKED TO HIM.
HE'S DEAD. HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR YEARS.
REALLY? BECAUSE HE LOOKED PRETTY OKAY TO ME.
AND HE MADE IT PRETTY CLEAR THAT ALL THE TROUBLE WE'VE BEEN HAVING IS BECAUSE THIS DOESN'T BELONG HERE!
AND HE MADE IT PRETTY CLEAR THAT YOU KNOW THIS.
DANNY, LISTEN TO ME...

THE ANCIENT ONE LIVED TO BE OVER 500 YEARS OLD AND IT WAS THEN THAT--

I'M ASKING YOU STRAIGHT UP--AS A FRIEND--WHO DOES THIS *BELONG* TO?

THE ANCIENT ONE CAME TO YOU--?

WHO DOES THIS *BELONG* TO, STEPHEN?!

IN WHAT FORM?

WHO DOES THIS BELONG TO, *STEPHEN?!*

GIVE ME THE EYE, DANNY.

I WOULD... BUT HERE'S THE THING...

YOUR OLD MENTOR HAS GIVEN YOU A CLEAR ULTIMATUM.

THIS MESS WE'RE IN TODAY. THE ONE YOU CREATED BY STEALING THIS EYE FROM ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER...

HE SAID, AND I BELIEVE HIM, THAT THIS FIGHT WE HAD TODAY-- THIS WAS JUST A TASTE. THIS WAS JUST A SAMPLER.

SO I'M GOING TO ASK YOU AGAIN, STEPHEN...

WHOSE IS THIS, REALLY?!

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YEARS AGO.

HIS NAME IS DR. STRANGE. I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM.

HE IS THE UNCHALLENGED AND UNCONTESTED MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.

I WANT YOU TO HELP ME KILL HIM.

YOU MEAN YOU WANT US TO DO IT *FOR* YOU.

I WOULD PAY.

THAT IS UNDERSTOOD.

I HAVE THE MONEY.

WE KNOW.

TO EVEN GET AN AUDIENCE WITH THE HAND MEANS WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE...AND WE KNOW YOU CAN PAY.

BUT THE QUESTION IS...WHAT HAS HE DONE TO YOU, MR. RASPUTIN?

IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT. IT'S ABOUT *THIS.*

THIS AMULET.

THIS IS THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO.

IT MEANS NOTHING TO YOU. BUT IT MEANS *EVERYTHING* TO ME.

I *WANT* IT. AND I CAN'T GET IT WHILE DR. STRANGE LIVES.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

FOR YOU? NOTHING.

YOU HAVE TO TRAIN FOR YEARS TO EVEN HOLD IT.

WHO IS THIS AGAMOTTO?

THAT'S THE THING...NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE--

THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.

A THOUSAND PARDONS...

AGAMOTTO IS ONE OF THE THREE ETERNAL VISHANTI.

WHICH BY DEFINITION MAKES HIM ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MYSTICAL ENTITIES IN THE UNIVERSE.

SOME SAY HE WAS THE FIRST SORCERER SUPREME ON EARTH.

AND THIS WAS BACK WHEN MAGIC WAS MORE THAN THE OCCULT...IT WAS CURRENCY.

THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO IS A GIFT TO THIS DIMENSION.

IT IS PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION OF SORCERER SUPREMES WHO HAVE EARNED IT THROUGH MEDITATION AND STUDY.

THE ALL-SEEING EYE IS A CONDUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND POWER ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE CHOSEN.

AND IT IS THE EYE THAT CHOOSES.

YOU SIMPLY ***CANNOT*** HAVE IT BY KILLING AND STEALING.

MANY HAVE TRIED AND ALL HAVE FAILED.

WHO IS THIS?

THIS IS WONG.

REALLY?

HE IS THE--MANSERVANT OF DR. STRANGE.

HOW DID--HOW DID YOU ***FIND*** US?

HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE WE WERE AND--AND JUST APPEAR HERE?!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT...YOU CERTAINLY DON'T DESERVE THE EYE.

THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU.

AND DR. STRANGE SENT ***YOU?***

HE COULDN'T FACE ME ***HIMSELF.***

***BIG*** MISTAKE. BIG, BIG MISTAKE!

BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE YOU. NOW WE HAVE SOMETHING TO BARTER WITH.

YOU WERE RIGHT AGAIN, DOCTOR.

HE COMPLETELY MISSED MY POINT.

AT LEAST WE TRIED TO EDUCATE HIM.

NOW.

HELLO?

PLEASE.

ANYONE.

MY NAME IS DANIEL DRUMM.

JERICHO?

IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, BROTHER...

...IF YOU CAN FEEL ME...I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM.

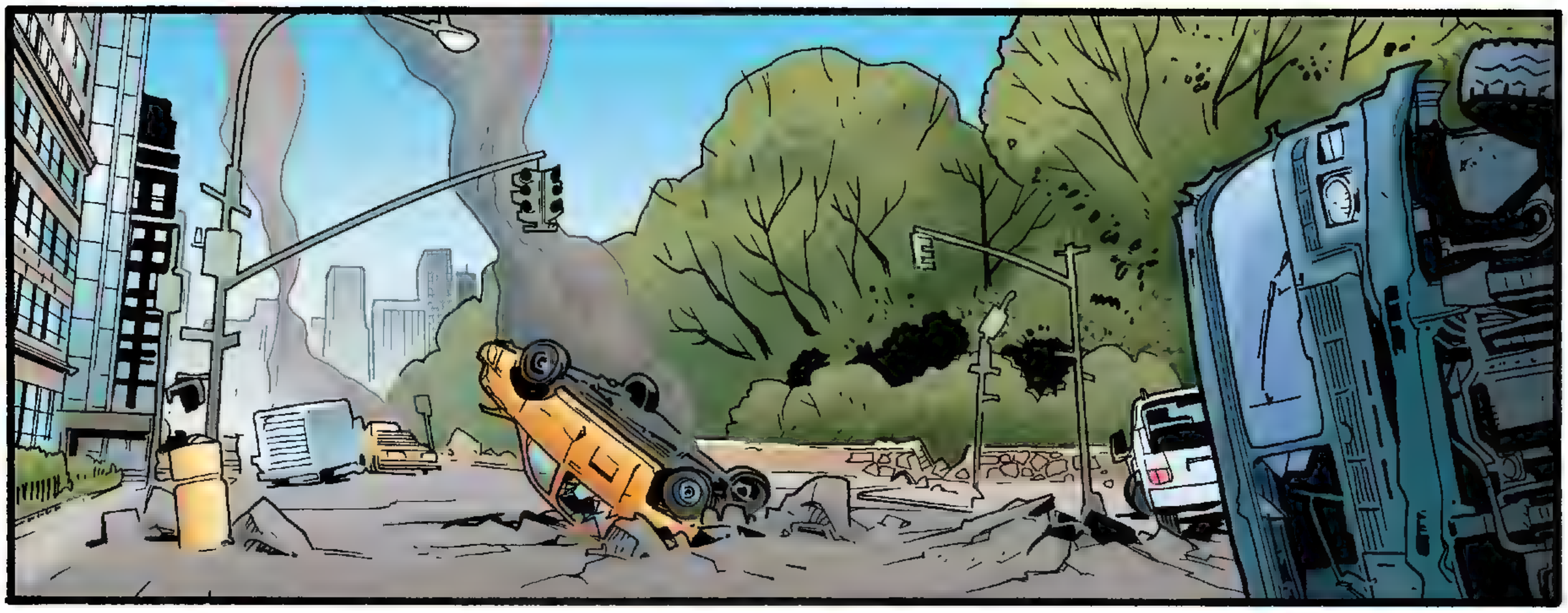
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE DEMONS HAVE TAKEN ME.

I THINK...

MAYBE...

I HAVE FINALLY PASSED ON.

PLEASE, BROTHER...



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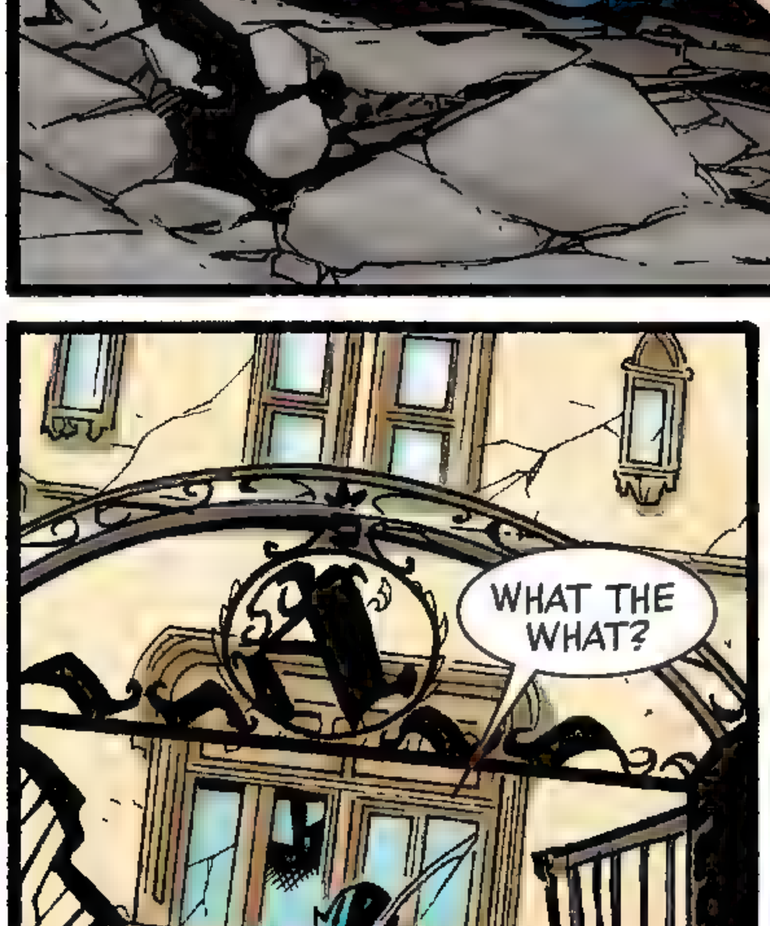
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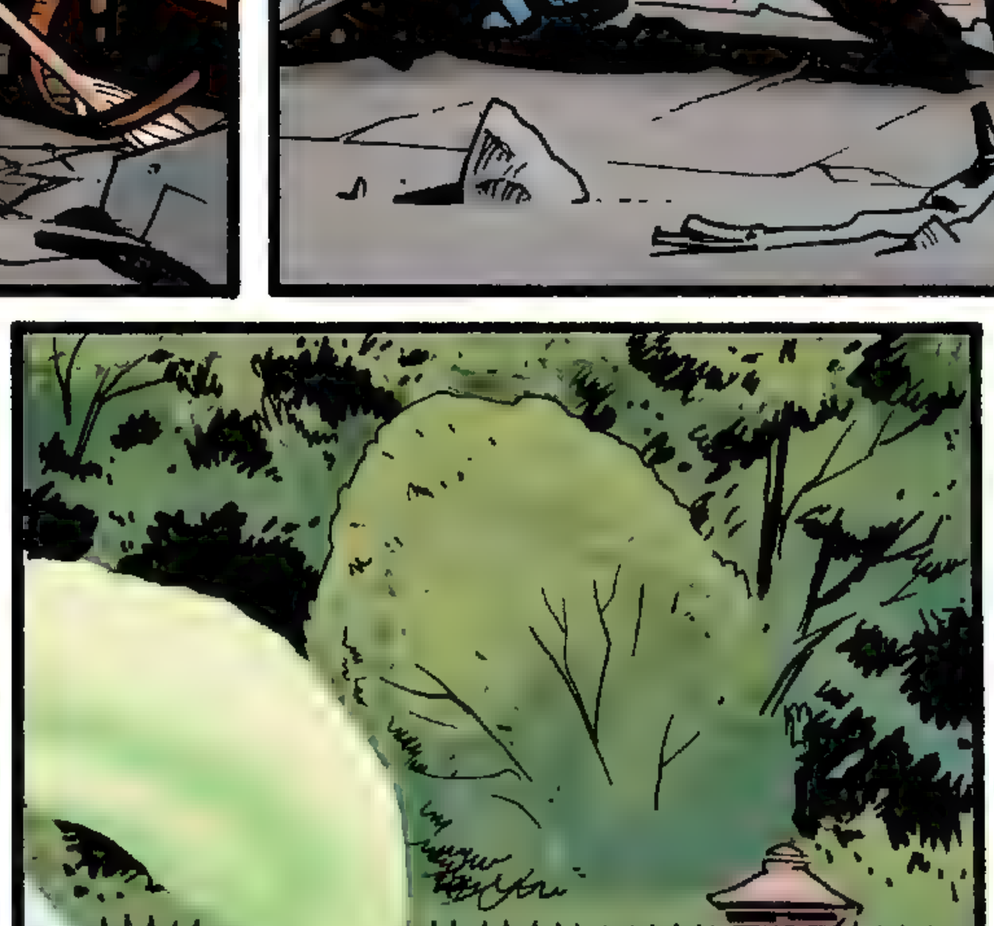

HEY, HAWKEYE.

OH BABY, WHAT *HAPPENED* TO YOU?

WHAT HAPPENED TO *ME?* WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE?

YOUR CHEEK IS ALL SWOLLEN.

DID SOMEONE TRY TO BURN YOUR HAIR?

LITTLE BIT.

WHAT'S GOING ON, BOBBI?

CRAZY MAGIC STUFF. YOU MISSED ROUND ONE.

I--UH-- I HAVE TO GO.

WHAT?

I JUST GOT AN AVENGERS PRIORITY EMERGENCY CALL.

I HAVE TO GO.

YOU GUYS HAVE THIS, RIGHT?

YOU'RE REALLY LEAVING?

WORLD'S COMING TO AN END, MAN.

I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU GUYS THAT I WASN'T GOING TO BE ON THE TEAM ANYHOW.

I WAS JUST HERE TO HANG OUT WITH MY WIFE.

I'M ON THE OTHER AVENGERS TEAM. I'D STAY, BUT I HAVE TO GO.

HE LEFT?!

AVENGERS PRIORITY EMERGENCY CALL?

WHAT COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE ON THAT TEAM, TOO.

HOW COME *I* DIDN'T GET AN AVENGERS PRIORITY EMERGENCY CALL?

DO YOU HAVE THE THING THAT SENDS OUT THE AVENGERS PRIORITY EMERGENCY CALLS?

I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS *SUCH A THING* AS AN AVENGERS PRIORITY EMERGENCY CALL.

WELL, THERE YOU GO.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, WEBS.

WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL HERE.

DOCTOR VOODOO'S SANCTUM SANCTORUM, NEW ORLEANS.

THE MEDITATION SPELL OF THE VADIR. FROM THE BOOK OF CRUEDA.

DIMENSIONAL TELEPORTATION, DIMENSION INVASION, DEMONIC POSSESSION, ASTRAL POSSESSION, DIVINE RIGHT OF--

DIVINE RIGHT OF--

WHY CAN'T I FIGURE THIS OUT?!

KRETA!

DANIEL?

DANIEL?!

DANIEL...

AVENGERS MANSION.

AVENGERS...

I AM SO SORRY THAT YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS BECAUSE OF MY FAILURE AS SORCERER SUPREME.

DUDE, YOU KEEP BLAMING YOURSELF AND NO ONE ELSE IS BLAMING--

I KNEW THERE WOULD BE THOSE WHO WOULD CHALLENGE ME.

I KNEW THERE WOULD BE THOSE WHO CHALLENGE DOCTOR VOODOO.

BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD GET THIS BAD.

NO ONE DID.

YOU DID, DAIMON.

WELL, THAT'S JUST ME.

BUT I CERTAINLY DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD GET THIS BAD SO QUICKLY.

NO.

STEPHEN... YOU'RE NOT TELLING US THE WHOLE STORY.

DANIEL, BELIEVE ME, I KNOW THERE WERE THINGS YOU SAW IN THAT OTHER DIMENSION-- DISTURBING THINGS, UNREAL SENSATIONS--

I UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGER AND FRUSTRATION WITH ME.

THAT IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE FRUSTRATION I HAVE WITH MYSELF.

THE PROBLEM IS, DANIEL, THAT THE IMAGE OF MY OLD MASTER, THE ANCIENT ONE, COMING TO YOU AND TRYING TO GET YOU TO HAND THIS OVER TO HIM...

IT FEELS FALSE.

I KNOW WHAT I SAW.

I DON'T DENY THAT THE IMAGE OF THE ANCIENT ONE APPEARED BEFORE YOU.

BUT IT IS... ILLOGICAL.

EXACTLY.

IF MY MASTER WERE TO RETURN FROM WHATEVER SPIRITUAL PLACE HE HAS CHOSEN TO RESIDE-- IF HE HAD, FOR WHATEVER REASON, COME BACK TO CHALLENGE US FOR THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO.

NO ONE UNDERSTANDS THE RITUALS AND THE CHALLENGES NEEDED TO DO THAT MORE THAN HE .

EXACTLY.

HE IS THE MAN WHO BEQUEATHED THIS TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

AS I BEQUEATHED IT TO JERICHO DRUMM.

I FEEL THAT HE WHO IS TRYING TO GET HIS HANDS ON THIS NEEDS TO DO SO TO PROPERLY FREE THEMSELVES FROM WHEREVER THEY ARE TRAPPED.

OR--

OR THEY NEED THIS TO PROPERLY TAKE OVER THIS DIMENSION.

I FEEL THAT HE--

--OR THEY--

--HAVE FAILED AT EVERY ATTEMPT...AND NOW HE IS TRYING BASE TRICKERY TO GET YOU TO ATTACK ME.

TO WEAKEN ME, TO BUCKLE MY SPIRIT.

HE--

OR THEY.

--IS TRYING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO GET HIS HANDS ON THIS BECAUSE HE CAN'T JUST DO IT HIMSELF.

HE SAID THAT YOU PUT A SERIES OF SPELLS ON THE EYE TO KEEP HIM FROM EVER GETTING HIS HANDS ON IT AGAIN.

AND I AM TELLING YOU I HAVE NOT.

WELL THEN....

I'M...UM...

I'M SORRY I PUNCHED YOU.

THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA THOUGH.

COME ON! REALLY?

"YOOVIES SPELL OF ITEMIZED PROTECTION?"

IT'S THE BEST I CAN DO.

THAT'S NOT GOING TO HELP. A FORCE THIS STRONG...

IT'S NOT GOING TO HURT.

YOOVIES SPELL OF ITEMIZED PROTECTION. FROM THE BOOK OF THE VISHANTI, PAGE 497.

DANIEL, LISTEN TO ME. YOU WERE FORCED TO TRAVEL TO A DIMENSION THAT NO HUMAN BEING HAS THE CAPACITY TO EVEN UNDERSTAND EXISTS.

BUT--

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE IS A TESTAMENT TO YOUR OWN SPIRITUALITY AND TRAINING.

THERE'S STILL--

I'M SAYING--APOLOGY ACCEPTED.

OKAY, SO...WHO WANTS THE EYE AND WHY DO THEY WANT IT?

AND IS IT WORTH LETTING THEM TEAR THE WORLD APART TO GET TO IT?

AND HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE BEFORE THIS @#$@#$ UNLEASHES THE HOUNDS OF HELL, OR WHATEVER THAT WAS, ON US AGAIN?

WHERE *IS* VOODOO, BY THE WAY?

IS THERE A LIST?

A LIST?

OF PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, WHO WOULD WANT THIS. A LIST OF SUSPECTS.

IT'S THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO.

ANYONE WHO KNOWS OF ITS EXISTENCE BY DEFINITION WANTS IT.

MAYBE THIS AGAMOTTO DUDE JUST WANTS HIS EYE BACK.

I, UH, I WAS JOKING.

IS THERE AN ACTUAL AGAMOTTO AND IS THAT HIS ACTUAL EYE?

YES.

SON OF A--

SO IF IT'S HIS, JUST GIVE IT *BACK TO HIM!*

WHAT?

WHAT?

JESSICA, YOU NEVER GIVE THE BAD GUY WHAT HE WANTS.

HOW DO WE KNOW HE'S THE BAD GUY?

MAYBE IN HIS, WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, DIMENSION...

HERE'S MY RULE: I'M THE GOOD GUY.

AND IF THERE'S SOMEONE *HITTIN'* ME...THEY'RE THE BAD GUY.

WHO ARE WE *TALKING* ABOUT?

IT IS VERY HARD TO DESCRIBE.

THERE IS A LONG HISTORY THAT--

THEY SAY HE WAS THE *FIRST* SORCERER SUPREME.

IS THIS ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHERE THE GUY IS A BILLION YEARS OLD AND TRANSCENDED THE EARTHLY PLANE AND NOW THINKS HE MAY KNOW BETTER THAN ALL OF US?

THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT IT IS.

SEE? I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT A THING OR TWO.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, THIS WOULD BE TERRIBLE NEWS BECAUSE--

UH, GUYS...

BY THE VISHANTI, YOU MORTALS LOVE TO TALK.

THE EYE, PLEASE.

COBEVE'S DEFENSE SPELL, FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE ORB OF SUWORK.

REVEAL YOUR TRUE FORM.

THE GHOST WALL DEFENSE, HANDED DOWN FROM THE ORAL TEXT OF THE REAL.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO TO WAR WITH THE FORCES OF AGAMOTTO AND THE HORDES OF THE LIGHT DIMENSION?

THE LIGHT DIMENSION?

IT KIND OF FEELS LIKE WE'RE AT WAR ALREADY.

THEN SURRENDER, OR YOU'RE GOING TO FORCE ME TO MAKE YOU CEASE TO EXIST.

END YOUR STRUGGLE NOW. MAKE THIS ALL GO AWAY.

GIVE HIM BACK WHAT IS HIS.

YOU HAVE TO GIVE THE EYE UP OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL.

IF YOU TRULY ARE THE MIGHTY AGAMOTTO THEN YOU KNOW IT'S NOT MINE TO GIVE TO YOU!

IT BELONGS TO JERICHO DRUMM, DOCTOR VOODOO, OUR SORCERER SUPREME!

SO MY ANSWER IS STILL NO!

AND ONCE AGAIN YOU HAVE CHOSEN POORLY.

UNDERSTAND THIS...

THE VISHANTI ARE NO MORE.

I NEED MY EYE.

I NEED ALL MY POWER. THIS DIMENSION MEANS NOTHING TO ME.

IT MEANS NOTHING TO THE POWER BALANCE OF ALL THAT IS.

UNDERSTAND ME...IF I HAVEN'T MADE MYSELF PERFECTLY CLEAR...

I WILL TAKE THIS AS FAR AS IT NEEDS TO GO.

THE VISHANTI IS *NO MORE?*

*YOU LIE!*

HOW WOULD I NOT KNOW THIS?

DOCTOR, YOU DO KNOW THAT SUCH MATTERS ARE FAR ABOVE THE LEVEL OF STUDY THAT YOU DEAL IN.

HAND OVER THE EYE, DOCTOR.

RESPECT ME, STRANGE.

THE CORELLI'S EXORCISM REVERSAL BATTLE ATTACK.
FROM THE BOOK OF THE VISHANTI, PAGE 7.

RRAAGGHH!

AAAAGGHH!

GGIIIEE!

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

I REALLY DIDN'T LIKE THAT.

SOMEONE STOP THE ROOM, I WANNA GET OFF.

I'M GETTIN' ANGRY.

NOW YOU'RE GETTING ANGRY?

DOCTOR...

THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING IT.

IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY NOW.

WHAT THE HELL, GUYS?

MAGIC BOYS!

TELL US HOW TO BRING THIS HOME. TELL US WHAT TO DO.

I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT TO DO.

AGAMOTTO.

I CHALLENGE YOU.

ACCEPTED.

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU JUST DO?!

SINCE THIS BEGAN, I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHY WHOEVER WAS BEHIND THIS DID NOT REVEAL THEMSELVES DIRECTLY. AND NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO IT IS, I KNOW EXACTLY WHY.

THE REASON AGAMOTTO DID NOT REVEAL HIMSELF TO US IS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE THIS CHALLENGE.

WE'RE NOT TALKIN' TRIVIAL PURSUIT CHALLENGE...ARE WE...?

THE SORCERER'S CHALLENGE IS A DEATH MATCH.

THAT'S RATHER HARD-CORE.

DO YOU GUYS DO THAT A LOT?

NOT AS A HABIT.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

I FIND HIM AND DO BATTLE WITH HIM.

YOU ARE OUT *OF YOUR MIND!*

YOU'RE A VERY ***NICE*** GUY, JERICHO, BUT YOU ARE IN ***NO WAY*** CAPABLE OF DOING MYSTICAL BATTLE WITH AN IMMORTAL TRANSCENDED SORCERER SUPREME!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE HE IS, JERICHO.

ACALLONMY'S SPELL OF IMAGE IMAGINING.

I DO.

MY BROTHER, POSSIBLY WITH HIS DYING BREATH, CONTACTED ME AND SHOWED ME EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE.

A DIMENSION OF LIGHT.

A DIMENSION UNCHARTED BY US.

AND IF THE VISHANTI ARE NO MORE, THAT EXPLAINS A GREAT DEAL. THE MYSTIC POWER OF THE UNIVERSE IS IN FLUX AND AGAMOTTO IS NOT THE CREATURE HE ONCE WAS.

MAYBE.

WE WILL FIND OUT SHORTLY.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO STAND IN FRONT OF A ***BUS.*** SAME END RESULT.

CAN WE HELP?

ACTUALLY, ***ALL OF YOU*** ARE GOING TO HELP.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS A ONE-ON-ONE KIND OF RUMBLE IN THE BRONX.

IT IS.

ONE VESSEL AGAINST ONE VESSEL.

VESSEL? WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

THE MACOLDINE SPELL OF BINDING.

HUH.

WELL, IT'S NOT AGAINST THE RULES.

WHAT RULES?

THERE IS A CODE IN THE MYSTIC WORLD. THERE ARE RULES. WE ***FOLLOW*** THE RULES.

BUT WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES TO FIND CREATIVE WAYS ***AROUND*** THOSE RULES.

I THINK OUR SORCERER SUPREME JUST FOUND ONE.

EVERYTHING AGAMOTTO'S DONE TO US IS *"AGAINST THE RULES"* AND NOW WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE RULES?

AS OUR FRIEND BEN JUST SAID...***THAT'S*** HOW WE KNOW WHO THE GOOD GUYS ARE.

UUGGH!

THE MACOLDINE SPELL OF BINDING WOULD GATHER ALL OF THE POWERS AND ABILITIES OF OUR GROUP...INTO ONE VESSEL.

THAT VESSEL WILL ENTER THE CHALLENGE.

AN AVENGERS MASH-UP?

I SUPPOSE.

WILL IT HURT? AND IF SO, HOW MUCH? AND FOR HOW LONG?

IT'S NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED ON THE MORTAL PLANE.

OOOOOOH GOOD.

COLOGNENER'S PREPARATION SPELL, FROM THE BOOK OF THE VISHANTI, PAGE 10.

OBVIOUSLY, IF ANY OF YOU DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THIS...

I'LL BE THE VESSEL. I'LL GO.

NO, NO.

BUB, I CAN DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN A WAY YOU CAN'T.

I THINK THAT'S A COMPLIMENT, BY THE WAY.

REALLY.

IT WAS MY CHALLENGE.

IT SHOULD BE ME.

PUT YOURSELF ***IN ME*** THE WAY YOUR BROTHER HANGS AROUND YOU ALL THE TIME.

YOU POINT, I'LL LEAD.

I GOTTA SAY: ALL OF A SUDDEN I DON'T HATE THIS IDEA.

IT'S A SMARTER MOVE.

IT'S NOT WHAT HE'S EXPECTING.

IT MIGHT BE THE EDGE WE NEED.

OKAY. FINE.

IS ANYONE WALKING AWAY...?

IN MY MIND I AM.

WHAT DO YOU NEED US TO DO?

FORM A CIRCLE.

LOGAN, YOU SIT IN THE MIDDLE.

THE MACOLDINE SPELL OF BINDING. FROM THE SCROLL OF HULLO.

SHOULD WE NOT TALK?

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

THE MAGE SORCERERS FORTIFICATION CHANT. FROM THE BOOK OF MAGII.

AGH!

HOLD ON!

UH, IS THAT IT?

DUDE, YOU OKAY OVER THERE?

BETTER THAN OKAY.

POINT ME.

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UM...

SSHH!

WE ARE READY.

WE ARE?

LOGAN?

ARE YOU READY?

AVENGERS MANSION. RIGHT NOW.

I FEEL IT.

I'M READY.

DO IT.

SEND ME WHERE I GOTTA GO.

THE MACOLDINE SPELL OF BINDING, FROM THE SCROLL OF HULOO.

YOU HAVE OUR COMBINED POWER.

ENHANCED BY EVERY SPELL SET THE THREE OF US KNOW.

WE COMBINED ALL OUR KNOWLEDGE...

...TO GIVE YOU ALL THAT WE HAVE.

GO, LOGAN.

FIGHT FOR OUR DIMENSION.

FIGHT FOR ALL OF US.

DO NOT LET AGAMATTO HAVE HIS WAY.

MORDO'S SPELL OF FALSE VISUALIZATION,
THE SCROLL OF LOKI.

SHAPE SHIFTING?

YOU'RE COMING AT ME WITH *PARLOR TRICKS?*

REALLY?

SEEN IT ALL BEFORE, BUB.

A BOLD STATEMENT.

HA!

EVANODOR ATTACK SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB

HYYAARRGGHH!

COLODOR'S REVERSAL SPELL, BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 453.

THIS IS A BATTLE OF SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY.

THIS IS A BATTLE OF DIMENSION.

EVERY BIT COUNTS.

HULKAAGGH!

EVERY SLIGHT, EVERY HURT, EVERY INTENTION...

GOOD TO KNOW.

HOW'M I DOING?

THE OFFENSIVE PUNISHMENTS OF LINAI, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

THE HOUDON-LOU VISUALIZATION SPELL OF THE REAL.

HEY, COOL, WE GET TO WATCH?

STAY FOCUSED.

OH, I AM *SO* FOCUSED. IF YOU LOOK UP FOCUSED ON WIKIPEDIA, IT HAS A PICTURE OF MY B--

DUDE.

SORRY.

NERVES.

EVANODOR COMPATRIOT DEFENSE SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, DOCTORS?

SPIRITUALLY SUPPORT HIM, DANIEL.

AND HOW WOULD ONE DO *THAT*, EXACTLY?

EVANODOR COMPATRIOT BOOST SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

I AM THE SORCERER SUPREME.

IT SHOULD BE *ME* FIGHTING THIS FIGHT.

STAY THE COURSE, JERICHO.

EVANODOR COMPATRIOT BOOST SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

HOLY LORD, WE ARE WAY OVER OUR HEADS HERE.

YA THINK?

HE'S NOT DOING SO WELL.

EVANODOR COMPATRIOT BOOST SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

ALL YOUR FANCY WITCH DOCTORIN'...

THIS AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A POWER GRAB.

YOU AIN'T NOTHING BUT A STREET PUNK.

I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH ALL OF YOUR MODERN FIGURATIVE SPEECH.

I ASSUME YOU'RE TRYING TO BELITTLE AND INSULT ME.

LET'S PRETEND YOU ARE BETTER THAN THAT.

LET US PRETEND THIS IS A FIGHT FOR YOUR ENTIRE LIFE AND THE LIVES OF EVERYONE YOU KNOW.

AND I'LL PRETEND THIS IS A FIGHT FOR THE ENTIRETY OF ***MY*** EXISTENCE AND ALL THAT I NEED TO BE REAL AND TRUE.

ONLY THEN WILL EITHER ONE OF US FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO HERE.

EVANODOR PUNISHMENT SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

YOU'RE A NOBLE WARRIOR...

MY PROMISE TO YOU IS THAT ONCE I HAVE FOLDED YOUR DIMENSION...

...NO ONE, NOT YOU NOR ANYONE ELSE, WILL REMEMBER ANY OF IT.

YOU WILL JUST CEASE TO BE.

EVANODOR ATTACK SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

"THAT SEEMS JUST."

I CAN--I CAN FEEL THIS. CAN YOU GUYS FEEL THIS?

ME TOO.

WE'RE SHARING SPIRIT.

SO WE'RE NOT EVEN IN THE FIGHT AND WE'RE GETTING BEAT UP?

YOU ARE IN THE FIGHT... IN EVERY WAY.

CRAZY.

HAARRGH!

EVANODOR ATTACK SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

EVANODOR PUNISHMENT SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

I HAVE NOT FACED A BATTLE LIKE THIS IN 2000 YEARS.

JEEZ!

YOU FEEL *THAT?*

DAMN!

THE ONE THEY CALL WOLVERINE...

DANIEL!

WHAT IS THIS BATTLE?

WHAT IS *HE DOING?*

SETTLE *DOWN,* JERICHO.

HE IS GOING TO GET *HIMSELF KILLED!*

YOUR BROTHER'S BEEN DEAD *FOR YEARS.*

SETTLE DOWN!

YOU ARE THE ANCHOR!

HYYAAAGGH!

NO.

AARGHH!

MY NAME IS DANIEL DRUMM.

YOU CHALLENGE MY BROTHER, THEN YOU CHALLENGE ME.

DANIEL?!

THE TERMS OF THE CHALLENGE ARE BEING ABUSED.

I MADE NO SUCH-- AARRGGH!

EVANODOR ATTACK SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

DANIEL!

JERICHO, SIT DOWN!

EVANODOR COMPOUND PUNISHMENT SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

AAAGGH!

THE RULES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED.

YOU ATTACK MY-- AARRGGH!

YOU FORFEIT.

CARELLI'S FORCED MORTAL ASTRAL EXTRACTION. FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE. APPENDIX 309

AAAAAAA!

EVANODOR TORTURE SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

RRAAGGHH!

EVANODOR TORTURE SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

OH, YOU IDIOT!

SIT DOWN!

OH, NO.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THE GORGERELL TRANSPORTATION SPELL. FROM THE BOOK OF VISHANTI. PAGE 567.

SURRENDER.

THAT SEEMS UNLIKELY.

GUYS!?

THE SKY IS ACTUALLY FALLING!

EVERYONE *REMAIN SEATED!*

I KNOW WHY YOU CAME FOR THIS.

BECAUSE WITHOUT THE VISHANTI IN PLACE, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD DEFEAT YOU.

THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO.

IF THE VISHANTI HAVE CAST YOU OUT, MOST OF YOUR POWER MUST HAVE BEEN STRIPPED FROM YOU.

I CAST YOU OUT FOR ALL TIME!

CARELLI'S REVERSAL, FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE, APPENDIX 33.

JERICHO!

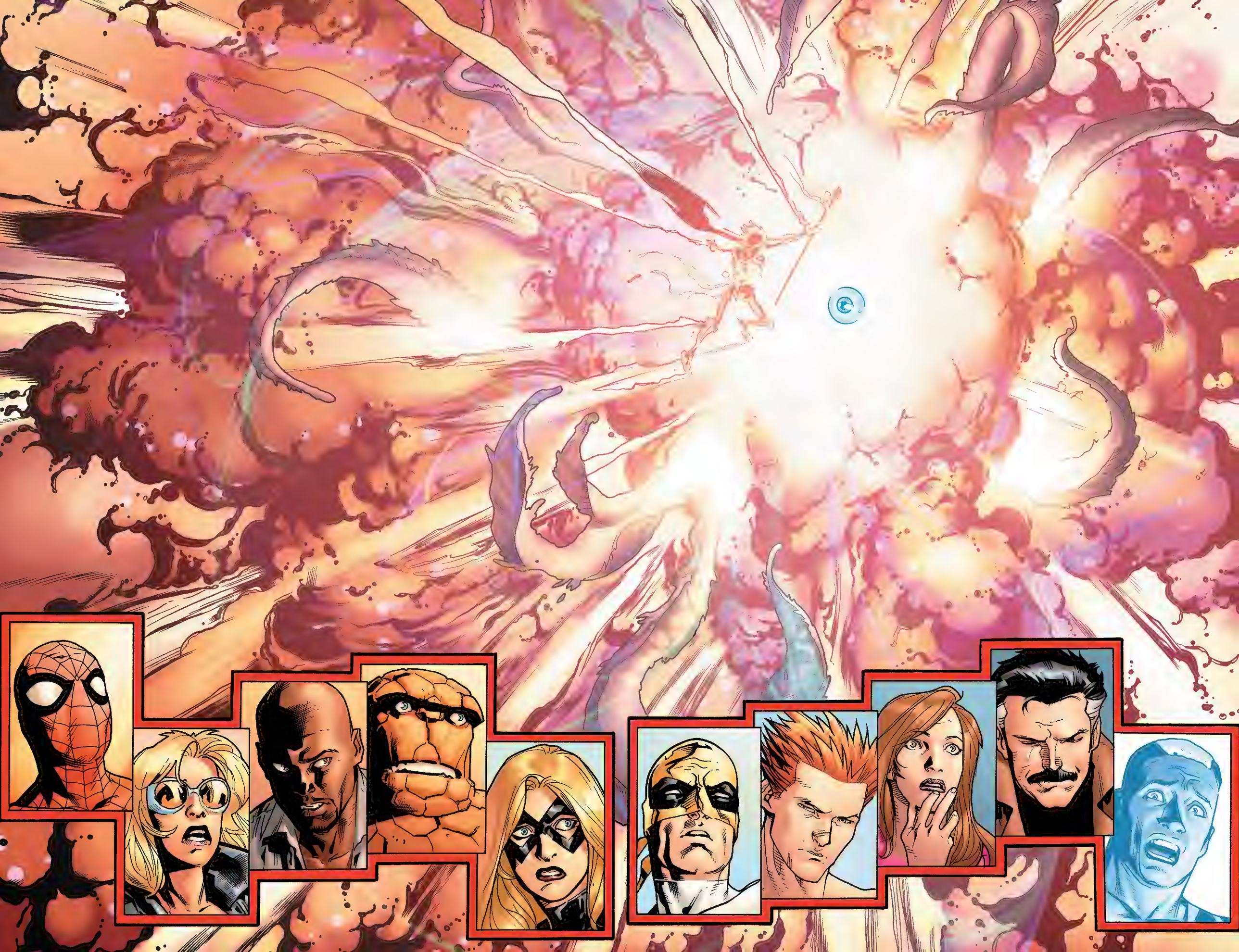
THE GORGERELL TRANSPORTATION SPELL. FROM THE BOOK OF VISHANTI. PAGE 567.

WHOA!

CARELLI'S COMPLETION. FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE.

I END YOU.

JERICHO!



DID WE WIN?

WHY DID HE DO THAT?

HE SAVED THE WORLD.

AND NOW WE HAVE NO SORCERER SUPREME AND THE EYE IS GONE.

AND THAT-- IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF HOW YOU'LL SUFFER.

YOU'RE TO BLAME FOR ALL OF THIS, STRANGE.

YOU, YOU AND YOUR "HERO" FRIENDS.

LUKE?

TELL ME WHY MY BROTHER HAD TO DIE FOR THIS?

TELL ME HOW YOU SET HIM UP TO FAIL!

DANIEL!

I DIDN'T WANT THIS! I TOLD HIM NOT TO--

YOU KILLED HIM!

FF

WHOA!

YOU KILLED MY BROTHER!

YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS!

YOU WILL SUFFER! I PROMISE YOU!

YOU WILL PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO MY FAMILY!

UM... BEN?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

HATE TO TELL YOU I TOLD YOU SO...

...SO I GUESS I'LL GO TELL EVERYONE ELSE I KNOW...

...AVENGERS.

I HOPE YOU DREGS AND SLACKERS APPRECIATE WHAT THESE PEOPLE JUST DID FOR YOU TODAY.

THEY SAVED YOUR LIVES! THEY SAVED THE WORLD!

NOT METAPHORICALLY. ACTUALLY! AND THEY'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO COME OUT AND TAKE A BOW.

YOU GET ME? THE WORLD GETS TO TURN ONE MORE DAY AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM.

SO YOU BETTER GO DO SOMETHING A HELL OF A LOT MORE MEANINGFUL THAN WATCHING REALITY TV AND FIGHTING OVER YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS.

YOU'D BETTER APPRECIATE IT.

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AVENGERS MANSION.

YOU AVENGERS REALLY KNOW HOW TO THROW A PARTY.

THANKS FOR COMING OUT, ANNIE.

THAT'S WHAT DAMAGE CONTROL DOES. WE CLEAN UP THE SUPER-POWERED MESS.

WE'RE THE ONES WHO REBUILT AVENGERS MANSION TO START WITH.

WE THOUGHT THE NEW BUILD WOULD *LAST* A LITTLE LONGER...

HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST US?

YOU PERSONALLY?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT, LUKE.

I THINK I CAN GET MY RAND CORPORATION PERSONAL INSURANCE TO COVER IT AS I WAS IN PERSONAL DANGER.

ACTUALLY, STEVE ROGERS SAID TO BILL HIM.

NO, NO.

NO, NO, NO.

WHY NO?

BECAUSE THE *POINT OF ALL THIS* WAS THAT WE DO THIS ON *OUR OWN.*

WE DON'T NEED CAPTAIN AWESOME PICKING UP THE CHECK EVERY TIME WE--

YOU KNOW THIS IS PROBABLY GOING TO COST ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS?

AND THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN LUKE CAGE QUIETLY GETS OFF HIS HIGH HORSE.

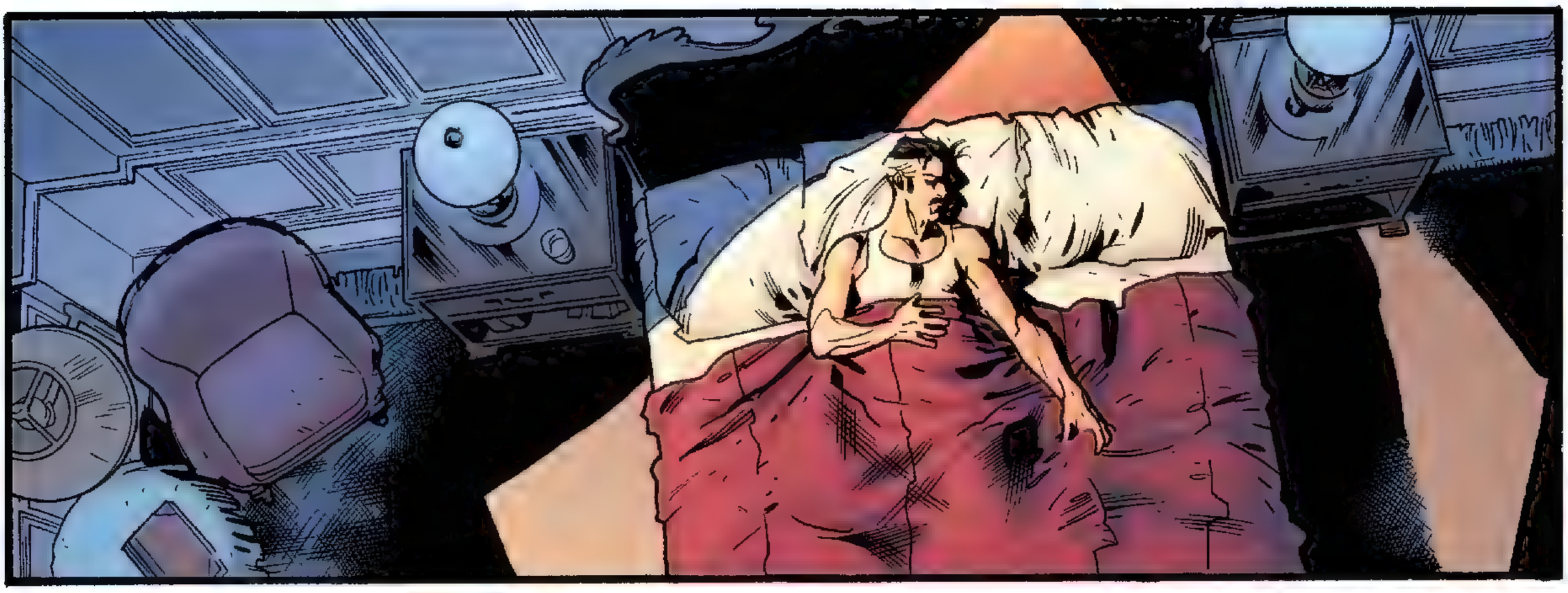
LOOK AT YOU: LUKE CAGE, ALL MARRIED WITH A KID.

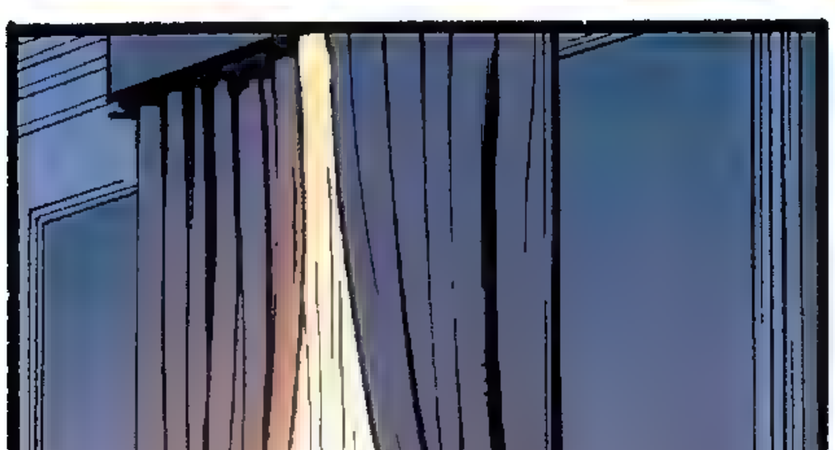
DO YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER?

ASK HIM.

WHEN AND IF THIS DOMESTICATION DOESN'T WORK OUT...

...DO GIVE ME A CALL.





FARE TRIL HUMPLIN KEMPOR INFIDIOUS DEMURT NARROM CARDOSA INFELICIL
FARE YUR INFIDIOUS DEMURT NARROM CARDOSA INFELDELIS?

AND I WALKED RIGHT UP TO DOOM AND I PULLED THAT MASK RIGHT OFF OF HIS SMUG FACE!
NO, YOU DIDN'T.
PULLED IT *RIGHT* OFF.
EVERY PART OF IT.
YOU *SAW* HIS FACE?!

WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?
HE LOOKED JUST LIKE--
HEY, LOOK WHO'S AWAKE...

DOCTOR STRANGE!

DUDE, YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FER 15 HOURS.

I AM SO JEALOUS, I COULD POOP.

COME. SIT. EAT.

YES. SIT. WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO HAVE AN ADULT CONVERSATION.

WE WERE?

NO...

I WILL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR AVENGERS BUSINESS.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP... AND I'M SORRY THAT MY WORLD INTRUDED UPON YOURS YET AGAIN.

WHERE DO THINK YOU'RE GOING?

I--I-- I HAVE TO START MY STUDIES AGAIN.

I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO-TO REACH OUT TO THE OTHER MYSTIC STUDENTS IN THIS DIMENSION AND--

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO LIVE?

I HAVE A LOT TO FIGURE OUT--

WHY DON'T YOU BECOME AN AVENGER AND LET US HELP YOU HELP YOURSELF GET ON YOUR FEET AGAIN?

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, DANIEL.

I'VE BEEN IN THIS POSITION BEFORE, I'LL FIND SOME--

HEY, IN ALL THOSE BOOKS OF YOURS AND ALL THAT STUDYING YOU'VE DONE AND ALL THOSE AMAZING LEARNED PEOPLE YOU STUDIED UNDER...

...DID ANY OF THEM HAPPEN TO MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT BEING ***MAN ENOUGH*** TO COME TO YOUR FRIENDS FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT?

ESPECIALLY A BIG PILE OF FRIENDS WHO CAME TO YOU WHEN ***THEY*** NEEDED HELP...

AND YOU WERE SO OVER-THE-TOP CRAZY GENEROUS AS TO LET US HIDE IN YOUR HOUSE...

AND LET THEM EAT YOUR FOOD AND TURN YOUR LIFE UPSIDE DOWN...

I APPRECIATE YOUR POINT OF VIEW--

IS THERE ANOTHER ONE?

YOU HEARD THE BROTHER OF DOCTOR VOODOO DECLARE THAT HE WOULD SEEK VENGEANCE ON ME.

AND AS LONG AS THAT IS A GENUINE CONCERN...DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE ***IRRESPONSIBLE*** FOR ME TO LIVE IN THIS HOUSE WITH YOUR WIFE AND CHILD?

OKAY...

RAISE YOUR HAND IF ANY OF YOU HAVE EVER HAD THE BAD GUY THREATEN ALL HOLY HELL ON YOU BEFORE HE DIED, WENT TO JAIL, DISAPPEARED, VANISHED, OR JUST IN GENERAL FELT LIKE LIPPING OFF...

LUKE--

NOW RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU CAN THINK OF AT LEAST TEN TIMES THAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE LAST CALENDAR YEAR.

WE NEED YOU, YOU NEED US...BE AN AVENGER.

BE DR. STRANGE... THE MAGIC AVENGER!

THE MAGIC AVENGER?

SHH. HE'S ON A ROLL.

IT'S JUST BEEN SO HARD...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DOCTOR STRANGE, THE MAGIC AVENGER.

DON'T CALL ME THAT.

OKAY, NOW THAT THAT IS SETTLED...

I KNOW I WASN'T HERE FOR THE FIRST ONE OF THESE LITTLE MEETING/GET-TOGETHERS...

AND I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT WAS DECIDED ON AND WHERE YOU GUYS LEFT IT--

WE LEFT IT AT WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO FIGURE OUT HOW ALL THIS IS GOING TO WORK AND THEN THE CRAZY MAGIC-DIMENSIONAL INVASION ATTACK THING HAPPENED...

WE WERE JUST SETTLING ON WHO IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE ON THE TEAM.

THAT REMINDS ME... I HAVE A QUESTION...

YES?

WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS VICTORIA HAND.

I WAS ASKED BY COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS TO COME HERE AND HELP YOU IN ANY WAY YOU NEED HELP...IN DOING WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU GUYS WANT TO DO TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

WHY DO YOU LOOK FAMILIAR?

I USED TO WORK WITH NORMAN OSBORN.

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

WELL... THANKS FOR THE DIMENSIONAL INVASION AND THE AWKWARD EMOTIONAL MOMENTS... BUT I GUESS I'M DONE ON THIS SIDE OF THE AVENGERS FRANCHISE.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

THE PROBLEM IS NORMAN OSBORN.

AND IF SHE--

IT'S OKAY.

IT'S REALLY *NOT* OKAY.

CAPTAIN AMERICA VOUCHES FOR HER.

CAPTAIN AMERICA VOUCHES FOR *HIM!*

HOW DID I GET THROWN UNDER THE BUS HERE?

WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING.

WE WANT THE WORLD TO BE BETTER THAN WHAT IT IS.

BUT IT WAS CAPTAIN AMERICA'S POINT OF VIEW THAT, MAYBE, HAVING SOMEONE LIKE ME, SOMEONE WITH A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW OF THE WORLD THAN YOURS, WOULD HELP YOU ALL IN YOUR DIFFICULT DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES.

YOUR POINT OF VIEW OF THE WORLD?

YOU STOOD NEXT TO NORMAN OSBORN--

YES.

WHO IS THE BIGGEST PIECE OF GARBAGE ON THIS PLANET EARTH.

HE IS A *SICK* MAN.

DUH!

BUT CONSIDER THIS...

ON HIS BETTER DAYS HE HAD A VISION FOR THIS WORLD THAT WAS SO SIMILAR TO YOURS...

WHAT?

THAT IF YOU REALLY SAT AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR TWO SECONDS, IT WOULD PROBABLY SCARE THE PANTS OFF YOU.

IT *WOULD.*

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

HE'S GARBAGE.

BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSONAL ISSUES WITH HIM.

OH, NO YOU DON'T.

I UNDERSTAND THEY *EXIST.*

WELL, DOESN'T THAT MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.

LISTEN, NORMAN OSBORN IS IN JAIL.

HE BROKE THE LAW AND HE IS BEING PUNISHED.

AND I HOPE THAT *YOU,* THE *AMAZING* SPIDER-MAN, LIVE UP TO YOUR REPUTATION AND ARE ABLE TO PERCEIVE BOTH HIM AND MYSELF AS MORE COMPLICATED INDIVIDUALS... THAN JUST GARBAGE.

I THINK CAPTAIN AMERICA'S POINT IN HAVING ME HERE IS THAT HE WAS HOPING YOU CAN *DISAGREE* WITH SOMEONE AND AT THE SAME TIME *RESPECT* THEM.

DUDE...

CAPTAIN AMERICA VOUCHES FOR HER.

THAT'S GOTTA BE ENOUGH FOR NOW.

THANK YOU.

THANK *HIM.*

I'M STILL ON THE FENCE.

I'M NOT.

THANK *YOU.*

BUT YOU SEE MY PROBLEM *NOW,* THOUGH, RIGHT?

WHAT?

I STOOD UP LIKE I WAS GOING TO LEAVE FULL OF RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION AND NOW I DON'T WANT TO...

AND TO JUST SIT BACK DOWN... FEELS A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.

GO AHEAD.

NO ONE WAS LISTENING.

THANK YOU.

OKAY...

NOW I NEED A 15-HOUR NAP.

SO, THIS MORNING I RECEIVED THESE...

HELLO.

WHAT IS THIS?

THIS IS YOUR FIRST PAYCHECK.

COURTESY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED STEVE ROGERS.

PAYCHECK?

OH, THANK GOD.

COOL.

WHAT??

NO!!!

I'M SORRY?
THIS WAS NOT THE DEAL!
WE ARE NOT ON ANYONE'S PAYROLL?
LUKE...
NO!
I'LL TAKE THAT.
NO.
WE DON'T ANSWER TO ANYONE.
I'M CONFUSED.
IN PRINCIPLE, WE AGREED THAT THIS TEAM FLIES ON ITS OWN.
THAT WAS THE DEAL.
SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE AVENGERS...
AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BE PAID?
IF WE'RE BEING PAID THEN BY DEFINITION WE'RE BEING FORCED TO ANSWER TO SOMEONE.
I DON'T WANT TO ANSWER TO ANYONE BUT MYSELF.
WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT THIS PRIVATELY.
NO!! WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT IT NOW!
WE'LL TALK LATER.
NO!!
NO?
WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS THEN?!

FIRST OF ALL, IT'S NOT UP TO YOU WHETHER *THESE GUYS* GET A PAYCHECK OR NOT.

IT'S NOT *FAIR* OF YOU TO ASSUME THAT EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM HAS TO LIVE BY *YOUR* CODE.

SHE'S RIGHT THERE.

SECONDLY... WERE YOU OR WERE YOU NOT PART OWNER OF A COMPANY CALLED *HEROES FOR HIRE?!?!*

DIDN'T YOU INVENT THE IDEA OF SOMEONE BEING PAID TO BE A SUPER HERO?

YOUR CLIENT IS NOW CAPTAIN !$@#$@ AMERICA!!!

WHAT'S THE *DIFFERENCE?!*

GOOD POINT.

AND THIRDLY, BABY, YOU'RE *OUT OF MONEY.*

I WAS GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A HARD CONVERSATION WITH YOU ABOUT ME GOING BACK TO WORK AS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR BECAUSE BETWEEN THE CIVIL WAR, SKRULLS, AND THE HOOD, AND HELL, ALL THE OTHER THINGS...

WE DON'T HAVE *ANY MORE* MONEY!!!

BUT--

ALL THAT TIME WE WERE HIDING FROM THE LAW...WE WEREN'T MAKING *ANY* MONEY.

ALL THAT TIME WE WERE HIDING IN DR. STRANGE'S BASEMENT AND HAD A BABY...WE DIDN'T HAVE *ANY* INSURANCE.

AND NOW YOU'VE GOT A BABY, BABY, AND THIS BABY NEEDS FOOD AND DIAPERS AND TOYS AND THINGS AND, HOLY LORD, SOME KIND OF NANNY.

BECAUSE IF WE DON'T GET SOME HELP, I AM GOING TO GO @#$%& IN-SANE.

SO IF *YOU* DON'T WANT TO TAKE THIS MONEY...I WILL TAKE THE MONEY *FOR* YOU AND I'M GOING TO HIRE A NANNY AND BUY US SOME CLEAN CLOTHES.

WE, UM, PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE HAD THIS CONVERSATION IN PRIVATE.

I TOLD YOU.

SHE *DID* TELL YOU.

SO WE'RE GETTING PAID THEN.

THIS IS BETTER THAN MY FANTASTIC FOUR PAY.

REALLY?

STEVE ROGERS *DID* WANT ME TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT NOTHING IS GOING TO BE ASKED OF YOU THAT WASN'T ALREADY AGREED TO.

HE SAID THERE IS A BUDGET FOR THE AVENGERS THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF WHEN LAST YOU SPOKE...AND THAT HE WANTED YOU TO NOT HAVE TO WORRY FINANCIALLY...

UM, I DIDN'T GET ONE.

YES, WELL, THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE AT THE TABLE WHO HASN'T COME FORTH WITH YOUR REAL IDENTITY...

AND THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T PAY YOU YOUR SALARY WITHOUT KNOWING YOUR REAL IDENTITY.

OY.

TAXES AND EMPLOYMENT FORMS AND SUCH...

OY.

YEAH, YEAH...

WELL THAT IS JUST TYPICAL ME.

PAY HIM IN CASH.

THIS IS NOT A CASH BUSINESS...I'M SORRY TO SAY.

DO YOU WANT MINE?

NO.

I'LL BE FINE.

PROBABLY COULDN'T SIGN IT OVER TO YOU ANYHOW.

YEAH.

OR IF YOU WANT TO DIVULGE YOUR REAL IDENTITY... IT WOULD BE ***COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL...*** OBVIOUSLY.

YES!

PLEASE!

LET ME TAKE MY MASK OFF IN FRONT OF NORMAN OSBORN'S BEST FRIEND.

MOVING ON THEN...

WE DO HAVE A BUDGET FOR SOME HOUSE HELP.

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GUYS FEEL ABOUT HAVING SOMEONE ELSE IN THE HOUSE... DO YOU WANT SOMEONE HELPING OUT?

WE DO.

WELL, GOOD, I CAN START HEADHUNTING...

I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THAT.

DUDE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO CLEAN UP AFTER US...

I MEAN, I KNOW SOMEONE.

SPEAKING OF KNOWING PEOPLE...

WE RECENTLY CAME INTO SOME CASH AND WE NEED A NANNY.

AND IF THIS WEEK IS ANY INDICATION OF WHAT LIFE IS GOING TO ***BE*** LIKE, WE NEED A NANNY WITH ***POWERS*** OF SOME SORT.

SOMEONE WHO WE CAN TRUST WITH OUR CHILD AT THE SAME TIME... YOU KNOW...

DOES ANYBODY KNOW ANYBODY THAT IS LOOKING FOR ANYTHING REMOTELY LIKE THIS?

OKAY...

I'LL DO IT.

CUTE.

GUESS IT'S TIME TO START HEADHUNTING...

WELL, I DON'T LIKE BABIES PER SE, BUT--

THIS ONE KNOWS SHE WASN'T A VERY GOOD AVENGER, BUT--

I AM SO LONELY...

I *SOMETIMES* LOSE FIRE CONTROL, BUT I--

YOU EVER HEAR OF NEXTWAVE? WE COULD HAVE KICKED ALL YOUR ASSES.

I'M SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU ASKED ME HERE TO REJOIN THE AVENGERS.

SPIDER-MAN LIVES HERE?

PASS.

YOU KNOW I USED TO BE ON THIS @#$@#$ING TEAM!

I'M LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE.

THE SUPER HERO TRUCK DRIVER THING DIDN'T WORK OUT LIKE I THOUGHT IT WOULD.

I KNOW I'M UNDER AGE, BUT--

I CAN ONLY WORK WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAYS BETWEEN 2 AND 4.

YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO I AM?

I AM GROOT!

I THINK I CAME OFF DESPERATE BEFORE--

I HAD AN ON-AGAIN/ OFF-AGAIN WITH A TALKING DUCK, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S A PLUS OR MINUS--

...

IT'S *PRONOUNCED* SEPULCHRE! NOT, *SEP-ULCH-RE!*

I'M JUST LOOKING FOR A WAY ONTO THE TEAM AND I FIGURED IF I WAS HANGING AROUND LONG ENOUGH--

DOES CAPTAIN AMERICA EVER TALK ABOUT ME?

I HAVE A LAW DEGREE! YOU UNDERSTAND HOW HUMILIATING EVEN TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THIS IS?

I JUST NEED TO GET OFF THE ROAD.

I DON'T GET IT!!

CLEARLY YOU GUYS ARE THE DEFENDERS, BUT YOU'RE CALLING YOURSELF THE AVENGERS??

I MEAN, IS IT ME? AM I THE CRAZY ONE?

SEPULCHRE! *SEPULCHRE!* SAY IT *WITH ME!*

NO, NO, NO...

I CAN CHANGE INTO A LARGE APE-LIKE CREATURE, BUT I DON'T NECESSARILY *HAVE* TO IF YOU THINK THAT WILL SCARE THE BABY.

LUKE CAGE...

BEEN A LONG TIME...

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING MORE REWARDING THAN HELPING GUIDE A CHILD INTO THE PERSON THEY WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME...

WELL, DOREEN, I MUST SAY, YOU ARE BY FAR THE MOST INTERESTING CANDIDATE...

IT'S EXCITING BEING HERE IN AVENGERS MANSION.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN AVENGER.

I WAS, UM...

SQUIRREL GIRL...

I WAS IN THE GREAT LAKES AVENGERS.

WAS THAT A REAL THING?

YES.

OH.

I JUST WANT TO SAY, I THINK IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO HERE.

BEING AVENGERS. BEING MARRIED. HAVING A BABY. IT'S AMAZING.

AND WHETHER OR NOT I GET THE JOB, IT WAS TRULY AWESOME TO MEET BOTH OF YOU.

I'VE BEEN A FAN FOR A LONG TIME.

THAT IS-- OBVIOUSLY THAT IS VERY NICE...

LUKE, YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

I JUST WANT TO BE DONE WITH THIS.

CAN I *HOLD* HER?

MY GOODNESS. SHE IS *GORGEOUS*.

IS, UM, IS THAT... *TAIL* OF YOURS ACTUALLY ATTACHED?

OH, UM, WELL, YES.

I'M SORRY...IF THAT'S RUDE TO ASK.

NO. I UNDERSTAND. YES, IT'S ATTACHED.

I HAVE TOTAL CONTROL OVER IT THOUGH.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

IF YOU'RE HAPPY, I'M HAPPY.

OKAY THEN.

D-MAN IT IS.

CUTE.

DOREEN, YOU ARE HIRED.

WELCOME TO AVENGERS MANSION.

OH...

DOREEN...

JAMES...

YOU LOOK WELL.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M WORKING HERE NOW.

I THOUGHT WE AGREED NEVER TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

ARE YOU ON THIS TEAM?

YES, I AM.

OH.

I HOPE WE CAN AGREE TO BE PROFESSIONAL.

OF COURSE.

YOU DO LOOK GOOD.

YOU LOOK AMAZING.

CAN I HAVE MY BABY, PLEASE?

I SEE THIS IS STILL THE BEST REALITY SHOW NOT ON TELEVISION...

WONG!

IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE YOU, MY OLD FRIEND.

YES.

WHEN I DEDICATED MY LIFE IN SERVICE TO YOU AS SORCERER SUPREME...I REMEMBER I CLOSED MY EYES AND I PRAYED THAT ONE DAY I WOULD GROW UP TO BE A SECOND-RATE JARVIS FOR A SECOND-RATE PILE OF AVENGERS.

ONCE I GET IT SET UP...

IF ANYBODY TOUCHES MY KITCHEN, I'LL BURN IT TO THE GROUND.

ANYONE ELSE FEEL SOME TEARS COMING ON?

YOU PEOPLE ARE INSANE.

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU.

**Mark Brooks**

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NYC TAXI

EXCUSE ME... ARE YOU LUKE CAGE?

YES, I AM.

*THE* LUKE CAGE?

YEP.

THAT IS *AMAZING.*

WE WERE JUST WALKING BY AND I--I RECOGNIZED YOU.

YOU KNOW, ALL MY LIFE I WAS HOPING THAT I WOULD BUMP INTO AN AVENGER.

YOU'RE STILL AN AVENGER, RIGHT?

I AM.

WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT?

I ALWAYS WANTED TO BUMP INTO YOU OR ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND JUST SAY *THANK YOU.*

I DON'T HEAR PEOPLE THANK YOU GUYS ENOUGH, YOU KNOW?

WELL, ALL RIGHT.

I MEAN IT.

YOU PROBABLY SAVED MY LIFE AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW IT AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW.

THAT IS DAMN NICE OF YOU TO SAY.

HEY, UH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?

SITTING HERE--

DO YOU HAVE PLANS TONIGHT?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO... GO OUT WITH US?

I'M WAITING FOR MY WIFE.
UGH! A WIFE!
THAT IS TOO BAD.
BUT A GOOD ANSWER.
YOU ARE SO LUCKY.
ACTUALLY, I'M THE LUCKY ONE.
ANOTHER GOOD ANSWER.
NOT MY FIRST RODEO.
YOU-- YOU GUYS-- YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT EVENING.
LOOK AT YOU.
YOU REALLY ENJOYED THAT.
I WAS JUST THINKING OF HOW MUCH I SAVED YOU.
SAVED ME?
WHAT A HORRIBLE LIFE YOU USED TO LEAD...SKANK HO AFTER SKANK HO...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME.
IT WAS AWFUL.
YOU'RE WELCOME.

YOU LOOK GREAT, JESS.

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ON A DATE LIKE THIS IN FOREVER.

I ACTUALLY DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER BEEN ON A REAL, PROPER DATE.

COULD THAT BE RIGHT?

I DON'T THINK HIDING IN DR. STRANGE'S BASEMENT DURING THE SUPER HERO CIVIL WAR IS ACTUALLY A DATE.

IT'S WEIRD THAT WE GOT MARRIED THEN, HUH?

THIS WOULD BE AN AWFULLY BAD TIME TO FIND OUT WE SUCK AT THIS.

SO ARE YOU GOING TO BE A SUPER HERO OR NOT?

REALLY?

I DON'T GET TO ORDER FIRST?

COME ON...

I DON'T KNOW.

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE, I KNOW, BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.

NEW.

I KNOW.

YOU HAVE TO COMMIT TO OUR NEW LIVES ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

CAN I SAY A FEW THINGS?

I CAN'T SEE ANY POSSIBLE WAY I COULD STOP YOU.

I THINK YOU SHOULD.

YOU'RE A MOTHER. YOU'RE A WIFE. YOU'RE AN AVENGER.

I THINK YOU'RE *GREAT* AT IT.

I THINK WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER...THINGS DIDN'T GO SO WELL FOR YOU IN THIS DEPARTMENT, BUT THAT'S ALL *BEHIND* YOU NOW.

NOW YOU'RE A GROWN-UP.

YEAH, HOW DID *THAT* HAPPEN?

WHICH PART?

*ALL* OF IT. ME BEING A GROWN-UP...

WHO WANTS TO BE A *GROWN-UP?*

JESSICA JONES...

POWER WOMAN.

WHAT?

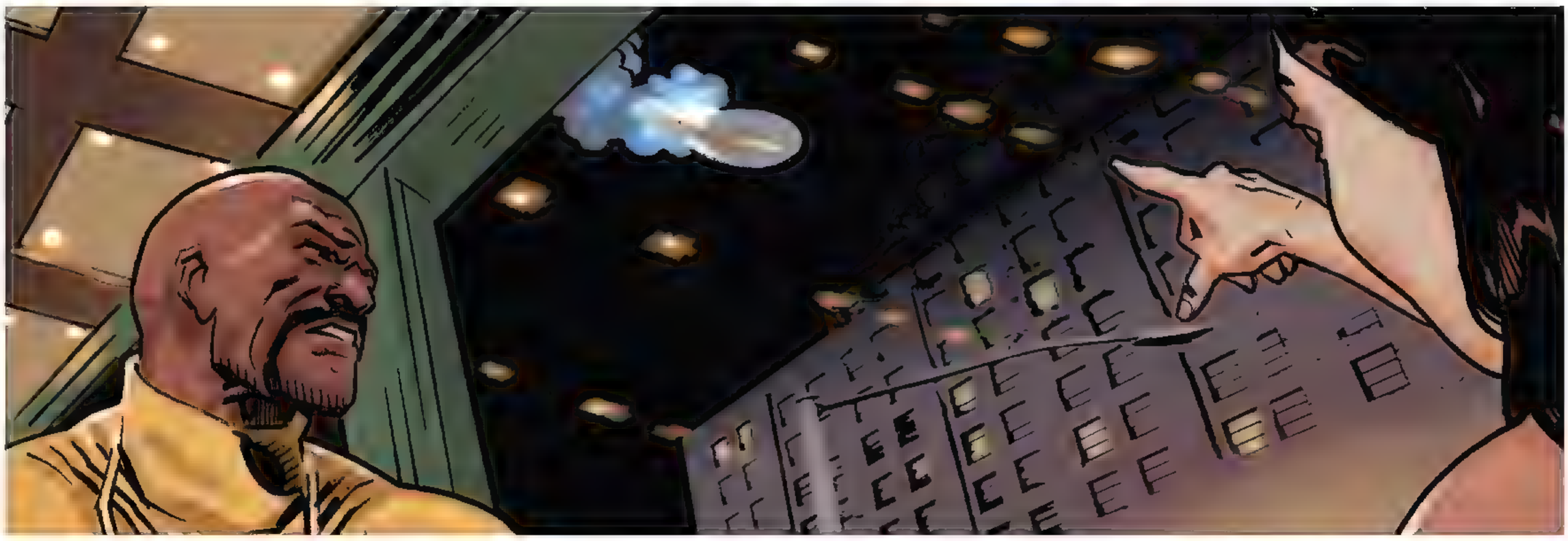
POWER MAN...

POWER WOMAN.

BECAUSE I'M POWER--
NO, I GET IT.
POWER WOMAN.
REPEATING IT ISN'T GOING TO MAKE IT--
COME ON...
NO.
POWER WOMAN.
STOP.
STOP.
YOU *MARRIED* ME. TAKE THE NAME.
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU STILL WANT TO BE CALLED JEWEL?
HONORED?
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HONORED.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT. I GET IT.
TOUCHED.
BUT--
BUT I'M MY OWN PERSON.
WHO'S MARRIED TO ME!
WHY NOT?
BABE, I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD EVEN BE DOING THIS.
YOU DON'T HAVE A REASON.
BECAUSE--
BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU SUCK AT IT.
I DO.
I *KNOW* THAT'S IT.
NO.
YOU'VE SAID IT FIVE HUNDRED TIMES.
NO!

IF I DIE, WHAT HAPPENS TO DANIELLE?
I'M A MOTHER.
I'M SOMEONE'S MOTHER.
AND MY PARENTS DIED WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL.
I LIVED A LIFE WITHOUT MY REAL PARENTS.
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT FEELS LIKE.
EVERY SINGLE SECOND OF IT.
EVERY MADDENING, CONTRADICTORY THOUGHT.
YOU--YOU HAVE UNBREAKABLE SKIN.
YOU HAVE A PROTECTIVE BUBBLE THAT SHIELDS YOU.
I DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY.
BUT--
AND HERE'S THE BIG BUT--
I SHOULD LIVE A LIFE BY EXAMPLE.
I SHOULD BE THE BEST ME I CAN, IF ONLY TO SHOW HER THAT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE.
I SHOULD INSPIRE HER BY BEING WHO I AM.
THAT'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
SO IS AN AVENGER THE BEST PERSON I AM?
I MEAN, RIGHT NOW THE BEST PERSON I AM IS MARRIED TO YOU AND THE BEST PERSON I AM IS BEING HER MOTHER.
AND THESE ARE ALL NEW THINGS SO EVEN COMING TO THIS REALIZATION IS A HUGE STEP.
HUGE STEP.
SO IS THIS OTHER THING...
BEING A SUPER HERO...
BEING AN AVENGER...
IS THAT WHO I AM?
OR IS IT JUST WHO I AM BECAUSE THAT'S THE CIRCUMSTANCES I FIND MYSELF IN?
WE DIDN'T STUMBLE INTO THIS LIFE.
I DIDN'T GO LOOKING FOR IT.

BUT HERE YOU ARE.
HERE I AM.
POWER WOMAN!
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE UNBREAKABLE SKIN DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO STOP YOU FROM SAYING THAT.
THIS IS ALL I'M GOING TO SAY:
I LOVE YOU.
AND?
AND I THINK YOU'RE SCARED, AND YOU DON'T LIKE TO BE SCARED.
BUT I'M SCARED TOO.
JUST BECAUSE I HAVE UNBREAKABLE SKIN DOESN'T MEAN--
WHAT ARE *YOU* SCARED OF?
THINGS I CAN'T CONTROL.
THINGS I CAN'T--
#$!@$!



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JEEZ!!

THAT'S IT! I AM DONE WITH THIS CITY!

EVERYONE KEEP MOVING!

LET'S GO!

GO ON! ALL Y'ALL!

GET OUT OF HERE!

SERIOUSLY...

SWEET CHRISTMAS!

DOOM.

LUKE CAGE.

BZZZZZ

OH, MY GOD.

IT'S-- IT'S ME... JESSICA! GET THE AVENGERS OVER HERE!

GET THEM-- GET THEM TO--

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AGH!

GRAVITY IS NOT MY FRIEND TODAY.

@#$%##!
%#$%#!

MY CAB!

SURE.

YOU WILL NOT TOUCH MY ROYAL VISAGE.

CRASH

AAAIEEE!

CAROL.
LUKE.
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU CAME WITH IT.
I WAS FLYING BY AND IT CAME CRASHING DOWN ON TOP OF ME.
SLAKOOM
SLAKOOM
HEADS UP!
I GOT IT.
BOOM
I DON'T SUPPOSE TELLING YOU YOU'RE UNDER ARREST WOULD DO ANY GOOD.
SMASHH

HOW'S THE DATE GOING?
I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO HER.
I TOLD YOU, LET IT BE.
LET HER FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE WANTS ON HER OWN.
WHAT'S THE PLAN?
STALL HIM UNTIL THE REST OF THE AVENGERS GET HERE.
THAT IS A TERRIBLE PLAN.
OR WE COULD JUST LEAVE.
ZZZAAK
SON OF A--!
DAMN!
I'VE GOT TO SAY, DOOM... YOU ARE NOT YOUR USUAL CHATTY SELF.
WHERE'S ALL THE PROPAGANDA YOU LIKE TO THROW AT US WHILE YOU WHIP UP YOUR MAGIC WHAMMIES?
KRIKABOOM
AIEE!
SMASH
AGH!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?
THE END OF TIMES.

CRAX

I DO NOT KNOW OF YOU.

NUH-UH.
NOT THE WIFE.
BIG NO-NO.
CRUNCH
JEEZ!
WHAT THE HELL?
THIS WAS WEIRD.
NO, I MEAN I *HAVE* THROWN DOWN WITH DR. DOOM BEFORE.
NO DUH.
YOU HAVE?
I HAD A LIFE BEFORE YOU.
THIS WAS DIFFERENT, THOUGH.
DIFFERENT GOOD OR DIFFERENT BAD?
I-I WOULDN'T DO THAT, LUKE.
YOU GOT YOUR CAMERA?
MAYBE WE CAN SELL THE PIC AND RETIRE.
HUH.

WHAT THE *WHAT?*
IT AIN'T EVEN HIM?
THEN WHAT IS IT?
HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW?
YOU'RE POWER MAN.

IT'S-- IT'S LIKE A--A DOOMBOT.
WHAT THE HELL IS A *DOOMBOT?*
YOU USED TO BE A DETECTIVE-- WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE?
A ROBOT MADE TO LOOK LIKE DOCTOR DOOM THAT DOCTOR DOOM MADE BECAUSE HE'S CRAZY IN LOVE WITH HIMSELF?

BINGO.
WHAT IS IT DOING *HERE?*
AGAIN: YOU DO REALIZE I HAVE NOT LEFT YOUR SIDE ALL DAY.
THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON HERE THAT I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T.
I'M TALKING OUT LOUD.
I'M THINKING IT OUT...
YOU'RE LOOKING RIGHT AT ME WHEN YOU DO IT. IT MAKES ME THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO ME.

WELL, THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS.
YOU'RE JUST MAD BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT *YOU* BEAT UP DR. DOOM AND YOU WERE ALL PROUD OF YOURSELF.
YOU'RE JUST MAD BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU GOT BEAT UP BY DR. DOOM AND NOW REALIZE YOU JUST GOT BEAT UP BY A *ROBOT* OF DR. DOOM.

LOOK WHAT A GOOD TIME YOU'RE HAVING...
YOU OWE ME A DINNER, MISTER.
YO GABBA GABBA, LOOK AT WHAT YOU ALL DID!

YOU BEAT UP DOCTOR DOOM!!

NAH, JUST A DOOMBOT.

A DOOMBOT.

THAT'S A FREAKIN' DOOMBOT?

JEEZ LOUISE!!

OUT OF MY WAY!!

YOU NEVER, I MEAN NEVER, LEAVE A DOOMBOT'S OPERATIN' SYSTEM OPERATIONAL.

ITS BRAIN AIN'T IN ITS HEAD...IT'S IN ITS CHEST.

IT WASN'T DEAD, IT WAS REBOOTING.

WHAT THE HELL IS IT DOING HERE?

"I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS DOING THERE..."

OR AT LEAST WHAT I AM *ALLOWED* TO SAY AT THIS POINT...

THERE'S NOT A LOT I'M ALLOWED TO SAY BECAUSE IT'S MOSTLY MATTERS OF NATIONAL SECURITY...

BUT SUPPOSEDLY THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CHATTER ABOUT DR. DOOM LOSING NOT ONLY HIS FOOTING AS MONARCH OF HIS COUNTRY...

BUT, SUPPOSEDLY, IF I HEARD CORRECTLY, HE'S LOSING HIS MIND.

YOU MEAN LIKE GOING CRAZY?

I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT--

EXCUSE ME, MS. HAND?

YES, MR. SPIDER-MAN.

ARE YOU NOT ALLOWED OF TALK ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY THINGS BECAUSE I'M HERE IN A FULL BODY COSTUME AND MASK?

YES.

I KNEW IT.

PERSECUTION COMPLEX ASSEMBLED!

LISTEN, I KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT VICTOR VON DOOM AND OUR FANTASTIC FOUR RUN-INS WITH HIM LATELY HAVE BEEN *EXTRA* CRAZY.

THERE IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING GOING ON WITH THAT WACKADOO. DAMN, I WANNA GET MY MITTS ON HIM.

HE DABBLES IN DARK MYSTIC ARTS.

I'VE WARNED HIM...IT WOULD TAKE ITS TOLL ON ANY MAN.

WHAT WAS THAT DOOMBOT SET TO DO?

*THAT* I WAS NOT TOLD, BUT TONY STARK WAS VERY EXCITED TO GET HIS HANDS ON IT.

HE WAS GIGGLING.

IT WAS OFF-PUTTING.

BUT CAPTAIN AMERICA--I'M SORRY--COMMANDER ROGERS WANTED ME TO TELL YOU THAT WAS A GREAT TAKEDOWN.

BIG WIN.

HE SEEMED VERY, VERY HAPPY.

EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL IT WAS ABOUT.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT, KID.

YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING WHEN YOU MOST WANT TO KNOW.

KID?

I MEANT IT NICELY.

SO, UM, LISTEN... I--UH--I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE, BUT...

I KNOW I'VE BEEN HEMMING AND HAWING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT I WAS GOING TO BE AN AVENGER OR SUPER HERO AT ALL.

THING IS, I DECIDED THAT THE BEST THING FOR EVERYONE IS THAT...

MAYBE...

power dad

I SHOULD JUST GO ALL IN.

SO FROM NOW ON...IF YOU DON'T MIND...

I'LL GO BY THE NAME POWER WOMAN.

BOO YAH!

HA HA!

*BIG* WIN!

AWESOME!

NEVER MIND.

WHAT?

YOU JUST BOO YAH'D ME OUT OF BEING POWER WOMAN.

I'M STILL ON THE TEAM BUT I'M NOT LISTENING TO ANY OF--

OH, COME ON!

DROP IT, SWEETIE.

BUT--

IT'S DROPPED. IT'S ALL DONE.

WOMEN DON'T LIKE WHEN YOU SAY BOO YAH?

WHITE PEOPLE SHOULDN'T SAY IT AT ALL.

HOW DO YOU KNOW I'M WHITE?

I'M WEARING A FULL BODY COSTUME AND MASK.

REALLY?

YOU REALLY NEED TO ASK THAT QUESTION OUT LOUD?

DON'T TURN ON ME BECAUSE YOU BLEW IT WITH POWER WOMAN.

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BAYAMO, CUBA 1959

ARE YOU SURE IT WAS HERE?

I KNOW WHAT I SAW. A YANKEE.

WITH AN EYE PATCH.

IT'S NOT HIM. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

I KNOW WHAT I SAW.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE AN EYE PATCH.

I KNOW WHAT I SAW.

SON OF A--!
IT'S HIM!
IT'S NICK FURY!
I'LL GET HIM!
¡PARASTE EN MEDIO DE UNA--!
BACK IT UP, PAL!
VRRROOOMMMM

AGH!

SCREEEE

HUH HUH HUH

BAM

BAM BAM

SPAAAEEECHH

GUHH NGUUH GUUHH...

GUHH GUUHH...

GUHH NGUUH GUUHH...

I COULDN'T-- I COULDN'T--

GET IN THE CAR!

GO, GO!!

FAT!

@#$@!

NO, NO, NO!

VROOOM

I CAN'T--

THERE ISN'T--

TOO FAST--

WHERE DID HE GO?

I--I--

SCRREEEEEEEE

THERE!

GO, GO!

HONK HONK HONK

VROOOM

GET IN THE CAR!

HONK HONK

DON'T LOSE HIM.

SHUT UP.

ABAJO BATISTA ASESINO

MEH858

VROOOM

YOU CAN'T *SHOOT AND DRIVE,* IT NEVER WORKS!

ONLY IN MOVIES!

SHUT UP.

BAM

TK

TK

MEIN GOTT!

MEH 858

# BLROW!

AAIEE!

AGH...

AGH...

FALUNP

CRAAACK

AAAGGH!

HEY, KRAUT...

ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED ALLIED FORCES AND MY PALS DUGAN AND JONES HERE...

I FIND YOU AND YOUR DEAD NAZI PAL THERE GUILTY OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND GOD.

TRANSLATION: YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE.

ANY LAST WORDS, *HERR* MORON...

THE-- THE WAR ENDED YEARS AGO...

IS THAT TRUE, DUGAN?

DAMN, I THINK HE'S RIGHT.

I HAVE GOT TO BUY A WATCH.

TERRIBLE LAST WORDS, THOUGH.

AIN'T THEY?

YOU-- YOU HAD ME CHASE YOU HERE?

THIS IS YOUR COURT OF LAW.

AND YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE.

I--I-- I--I WAS ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS.

NOW THAT'S-- THAT'S JUST UNORIGINAL.

REALLY.

THE REICH WILL RISE AGAIN.

WOULDN'T THAT BE SOMETHING?

NOW WHAT?

LET'S JUST POUNCE ON THEM!
LUKE CAGE: IMPATIENT MAN.
REALLY.
I'M WITH CAGE.
YOU USED TO BE A PRIVATE EYE, JESSICA; YOU'RE USED TO DOING A STAKEOUT.
I LOVE A STAKEOUT. THIS IS THE BEST PART.
THE BEST PART IS THE CLOBBERING.
HOLD ON... SSHHH...
WHAT'S GOING ON, LOGAN?
SSHH, MEANS SHHHH!!
AVENGERS...I AM BROADCASTING LIVE FROM BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND.
THINGS N THINGS STORE CLOSING
Coffee Heroes
IS THERE MOVEMENT?
OH, THERE'S MOVEMENT.
WE HAVE SOME TRULY SCARY-LOOKING HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE EXPERIMENTS MOVING ALL THEIR STUFF IN.
WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
WE GOT OURSELVES A PARTY.
MOCKINGBIRD IN POSITION...
DOCTOR, MOVE IN.
TOOM

"WHO IS *THAT* FINE PIECE OF THICKNESS?"

"ACCORDING TO THE LOVELY AND TALENTED VICTORIA HAND, THAT...IS DR. DEIDRE WENTWORTH."

"WHAT IS SHE A DOCTOR OF? FINENESS?"

"REALLY, CAGE? I'M RIGHT HERE."

"SHE IS OUR MAIN TARGET.

"HER S.H.I.E.L.D. FILE REFERS TO HER AS *SUPERIA.*"

"IS THAT AN ADVERB OR AN ADJECTIVE?"

"PROPER NOUN."

"REALLY?"

"DON'T SELL HER SHORT."

"BY THE LOOKS OF HER, I DON'T THINK ANYONE HAS SOLD HER SHORT SINCE SECOND GRADE."

"YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN..."

"YOU MEAN SHE'S GOT REAL *'PAIN IN OUR TUCHIS'* POTENTIAL.

"EXACTLY."

IS THAT MY NEW OFFICE?

IF--IF YOU WANT IT TO BE, DOCTOR.

IS IT WIRED TO GO?

NOT YET.

ALL--ALL YOUR THINGS ARE STILL IN THE TRUCKS. WE WERE--

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU DAZZLE ME, YOUNG LADY.

YES, MA'AM.

"LET'S SEE WHAT SHE'S UP TO.

"DOCTOR?"

CHENZY'S ACT OF SELF-ASTRAL MANIPULATION. FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 3549.

"WHAT DO YOU SEE?"

CHENZY'S ACT OF SELF-ASTRAL MANIPULATION. FROM THE BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 3549

I HAVE RETURNED FROM THE ASTRAL PLANE.

AND--?

AS WE EXPECTED, THIS WOMAN *HAS* GATHERED A MILITIA OF FORMER H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS AND IS SETTING UP A HIGH-TECH INSTALLATION.

IN *RHODE ISLAND?*

GREAT! I'LL DISTRACT THEM AND YOU GUYS STEAL THEIR TRUCKS BEFORE THEY'RE UNLOADED.

LET'S TAKE IT DOWN BEFORE SHE GETS IT UP AN' RUNNING.

WAIT, HOLD ON...

THEY HAVEN'T, TECHNICALLY, DONE ANYTHING WRONG YET.

*WHAT?*

UH, YEAH, INNOCENT BEFORE PROVEN GUILTY.

OR, YOU KNOW, GUILTY WHEN THEY'RE ACTUALLY GUILTY.

WHAT?

THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET.

YOU'VE *GOT* TO BE KIDDING ME.

BUT THEY'RE *GOING* TO. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.

BUT THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING *YET.*

NO.

BUT THEY *ARE.* DO YA KNOW HOW I KNOW?

WATCH THIS.

OKAY, HE'LL DISTRACT THEM.
GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS?

BDBOOM
IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!

RRRRUUUUDDADAMMBBOOOMM!!

WHO'S FIRST?

THE #$@#$ WAS THAT?!

GO!

GO!

I DON'T HAVE MY LICENSE, LUKE.

NOW YOU TELL US??

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

SLAM

I NEVER NEEDED ONE, JESSICA.

SLAM

SLAM

I LIVE IN NEW YORK OR IN THE MAGICAL CITY OF K'UN LUN.

YOU'RE TRESPASSING ON *PRIVATE PROPERTY!*

JUST FIRE!

ALL RIGHT, UP TO YOU!

VROOOM VROOOM

SCCRREEEEEEEEE

HA!

NOT FAIR.

MINE DOESN'T HAVE KEYS.

I USED TO BE SO GOOD AT THIS.

EH.

SCREW IT.

ARE YOU OKAY?

WHAT'S *GOING ON* UP THERE?

IT'S--I THINK IT'S THE AVENGERS. IT'S HARD TO TELL.

HOW DID THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?!

FABOOM!

HO!

OH MY GOD!

AAAIEE!!

THE HOLCATE ILLUSION OF THE FEARS. BOOK OF VISHANTI. PAGE 3453.

AAAIEE!!

OKAY, I'M SO OUT OF HERE!

EXCUSE ME, WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A HEROIC GESTURE ON BEHALF OF MANKIND.

SMACK

CRACK

SPACK

I LOVE THE PEEUU PEEU!!

PEEUU PEEUU

I KNOW, RIGHT?

PUUUU

OH, NO...

BAYAMO, CUBA
1959

CANTINA

ENJOYING THE LOCAL COLOR, FURY?

READY FOR MY NEXT ASSIGNMENT, GENERAL HILL.

YOU'RE READY FOR THE NEXT WAR.

YA GOT ONE?

KOREA WAS FUN.

EH.

THERE ARE THOSE OF US IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHO BELIEVE THAT YOUR CONSIDERABLE TALENTS ARE BEING WASTED CHASING DOWN YESTERDAY'S NEWS.

BUT I'M *VERY* GOOD AT IT.

THE WAR IS LONG OVER, PAL.

WE WON.

ITS OVER--

WHEN *YOU* SAY IT'S OVER.

I KNOW.

ACTUALLY, I WAS TOLD TO ESCORT YOU BACK TO WASHINGTON.

AM I IN TROUBLE?

HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING THAT WOULD PUT YOU IN TROUBLE?

IF THAT'S HOW IT WORKED, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO ASK.

THE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR YOU.

HE NEEDS YOU TO HELP HIM WITH A PROJECT.

THE PRESIDENT?

OURS, YES.

WHAT IS IT?

DON'T KNOW.

HE CALLED IT THE AVENGERS INITIATIVE.

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MADRIPOOR
1959

WELL, THIS PLACE SMELLS LIKE A SOCK, NICKY.

ONE A' YOURS MAYBE, DUGAN.

SO I DON'T GET IT...

HERE WE GO...

YOU NEED A RAG-TAG TEAM OF WAR VETS TO GO DO THIS THING FOR THE PRESIDENT...

AND YOU ALREADY GOT YOURSELF A RAGTAG TEAM A' HOWLING COMMANDOES SITTING AROUND KNITTIN' BOOTIES AND SIPPIN'--

PRESIDENT SAYS WE NEED A DIFFERENT KIND, DUGAN.

PRESIDENT SAYS WE NEED GUYS WITH THAT EXTRA SOMETHING.

SO WHY AM I HERE?

FLAVOR.

*YOU* NEED SOMEONE TO *TALK* TO.

WE'RE HERE.

WE GONNA KNOW THE GUY WHEN WE SEE HIM?

PROBABLY.

ERRAASSHH

VICTOR CREED?

YOU LOOKING TO BE *NEXT?!*

CALM IT DOWN, VICTOR, AIN'T NO ONE'S IMPRESSED.

YOU EVER SEE YOUR *INSIDES?* BET THAT'LL IMPRESS YA.

BAM

CRASSHH

I HAD IT.

OH, I KNOW.

WHO'S NEXT ON THE LIST?

SO...

THEY TOLD YOU ABOUT MY HEALIN' FACTOR.

HE HEALS?

I'M NICK FURY, VICTOR.

I'M HERE TO PUT YOU TO WORK.

I'M HERE TO CONVINCE YOU YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME BEATIN' ON THESE POOR PEOPLE.

I'M HERE TO PUT YOU ON MY BLACK OPS INITIATIVE.

WE HAVE FULL CLEARANCES AND A HELL OF A GOAL POST.

YEAH? LIKE WHAT?

THE HOLCATE ILLUSION OF THE FEARS. BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 3453.

# BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND NOW

HEY, GUYS!

HOW MANY OF DESE EX-H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS TRYIN' TO SET UP SHOP AS A NEW PACK OF WHACKOS DOES IT TAKE TO COWER IN THEIR BOOTS WHEN THEY GETTA LOAD OF HOW AWESOME WE ARE?

ARE YOU ASKING RHETORICALLY, BENJAMIN, OR--?

WAY TO SUCK THE WIND OUTTA THE SNAPPY PATTER, DOCTOR STRANGE.

WELL, IT WASN'T ALL THAT WITTY, ROCK PILE.

ROCK PILE?

DR. WENTWORTH? DO WE EVACUATE?

THE AVENGERS ARE RIGHT ON *TOP OF US!*

*SUPERIA!* YOU *CALL ME* SUPERIA!

WE DON'T USE CHRISTIAN NAMES IN THE FIELD, YOU *IDIOT!*

I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHICH ONE OF YOU BLABBED ABOUT OUR SITUATION AND LOCATION AND I AM GOING TO GUT YOU DEAD.

I *SWEAR TO GOD!*

HOW DID THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?

# SECRET INVASION

SHEAR OFF

YOU OKAY, CAROL?

I DIDN'T KNOW SHE COULD *DO* THAT!

YOU NEED BACK-UP?

I *GOT* THIS!

WHERE DO WE GO? WHAT DO WE DO?

FAN OUT!

WE'LL REGROUP ELSEWHERE!

CRACK

SUPERIA?

REALLY?

SHKABOOM

REALLY.

PARIS 1959

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, MISTER FORTUNE?

I WAS THINKING I AM HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME.

PACE YOURSELF, MISTER FORTUNE, WE HAVE ALL NIGHT.

YOU SEEM NERVOUS.

WE *HAVE* MET BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?

WE HAVE NOT. BUT I KNOW OF YOUR DARING ADVENTURES.

SO YOU NEED NOT WASTE YOUR "*COME HITHER*" LINES ON ME.

IT'S NOT A LINE. I *KNOW* I KNOW YOU--

NOT YET.

BUT LET'S CHANGE THAT.

YOU THINK YOU CAN MOCK *THE LEGEND* OF THE REICH?

OH, COME ON!

DIE, DOMINIC FORTUNE!

DIE A *THOUSAND DEATHS!*

WELL, THIS IS REALLY VERY DISAPPOINTING.

YOU THINK YOU CAN *STEAL FROM US* AND NOT *PAY* FOR IT?!

WELL, KINDA.

YOU THINK WE WOULD LET YOU LIVE?

WE?

BOOM

DROP THE GIRL, FORTUNE!

GET YOUR OWN WOMEN!

FIRE!
FIRE!
BUDDA BUDDABUDDA BUDDA
THUMP
DOMINIC FORTUNE?
NICK FURY?
I HAVE A JOB OFFER FOR YOU...
CHEERS.

BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND NOW

GUYS! GUYS!

MOCKINGBIRD IS *DOWN!*

I CAN'T MOVE HER!

THWAPP

SMACK

THWACK

DOESN'T MEAN I'M GOING TO STAND HERE AND LET YOU STOMP MY HEAD!

I MEAN, HELLO?

HEY, ANY OF YOU HAPPEN TO BE DOCTORS?

SHKADOOM

WHO SENT YOU AVENGERS *HERE?!*

SHKADOOM

HOW COULD YOU ***POSSIBLY*** HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS?!

I PURPOSEFULLY WENT OFF YOU PEOPLE'S RADAR!

I ***PURPOSEFULLY*** DID THIS THE RIGHT WAY!

WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS OPERATION?

SHRADOOM

I'M SMARTER THAN ***ALL OF YOU PUT TOGETHER!***

DR. STRANGE!

I'M HERE!

GO!

I GOTS YOUR BACK.

EMERGENCY TELEPORTATION SPELL OF THE NADIYAN, BOOK OF FIRE, PAGE 234.

THWAPP

THWIPPP

BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF--

HELP HER!

YOU'RE A REAL DOCTOR, HELP HER!

WE CAN'T MOVE HER.

WHAT DO WE DO?

WE CALL AN AMBULANCE.

LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE DO?

I NEED A PHONE.

HEY, BUDDY, CAN I BORROW YOUR PHONE?

SLAM

AGGH!

HELP!
SOMEBODY HELP!
OH, SHUSH!
THE TERESING BOOST SPELL OF HEALTH. BOOK OF VISHANTI, APPENDIX 23.
911 EMERGENCY.
WE HAVE A-- WE HAVE A--A PERSON DOWN. WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN SHOT.
WHERE ARE YOU?
IN THE-- WHERE ARE WE?
TELL THEM IN FRONT OF COFFEE HEROES IN BARRINGTON! THE SHOPPING CENTER!
BONK
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YES. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
PLEASE HURRY.
BOOP
YEAH, LIKE TELLING YOU MY NAME WAS GOING TO HELP MATTERS ALONG.
VISHANTI'S LIGHT OF ILLUMINATION. BOOK OF VISHANTI. PAGE 3.
BOBBI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
IT'S DR. STRANGE...CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
SHE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT.

EMERALD COAST, FLORIDA PRIVATE PROPERTY 1959

AQUARIA?

SURFACE BEINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CALL ME THAT.

YOU PREFER NAMORA?

AND WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

YOU KNOW WHO I AM.

I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU... AND YOUR BOYFRIEND.

HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS?

BECAUSE WE KNEW WHERE YOUR ***BOYFRIEND*** WAS.

CAN YOU TELL HIM TO STOP POINTING THE SNIPER RIFLE AT THE BACK OF MY HEAD?

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SERGEI!

HIS FIRST NAME IS SERGEI?

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING, FURY.

I THOUGHT HIS FIRST NAME WAS KRAVEN.

STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS!

AND STOP LOOKING AT MY GIRL.

NO ONE'S LOOKING AT YOUR--

YOU!

I *KNOW* YOU.

WHERE DO I KNOW YOU FROM?!

AFRICA! YOU SON OF A--!

KRAVEN, PUT THE *GUN DOWN!*

I REMEMBER.

BAM

AGH!

BLOODY HELL!

DON'T *WORRY* ABOUT IT?!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

HE HEALS.

HOW DO YOU *DO* THAT, KRAVEN?!

HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO EMBARRASS ME *EVERYWHERE WE GO?!*

HE STARTED IT.
GUNS DOWN, KRAVEN.
SPEAK YOUR BUSINESS.
RRRR!
HEEL, VICTOR.
HE STARTED IT.
I BET.
I NEED YOU GUYS FOR A MISSION.
THE KIND THAT NEEDS YOUR SPECIFIC TALENTS.
BIG GAME HUNTING.
BUT I NEED YOU ALL TO BURY THE HATCHET.
WHATEVER THIS IS--PUT IT AWAY.
OR I LEAVE YOU ALL IN A DITCH.
KEEP ONE EYE OPEN.
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.
DO THEY KNOW WE CAN HEAR THEM?

TODAY

LUKE CAGE, WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?*

I COULDN'T GET MY TRUCK TO START.

SO YOU CARRIED IT SEVEN BLOCKS?

GOT IT HERE, DIDN'T I?

SHOW-OFF.

HOW'S IT GOING OVER THERE?

I'M SURE IT'S FINE, DANNY.

IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF GRUNTS AND AN AMAZON. WE'RE THE DAMN *AVENGERS.*

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO BACK AND HELP THEM WRAP IT UP, LUCAS.

THEY GOT IT, JESS.

HOW ABOUT WE SEE WHAT THESE JOKERS WERE GETTING UP TO?

"JOKERS"?

I'M TRYING NOT TO SWEAR AS MUCH.

I'D KIND OF RATHER YOU SWORE THAN SAY "JOKERS."

PRUUNNGCHH

MY FAVORITE PART OF OUR MARRIAGE IS HOW YOU PRETEND YOU'RE NOT IMPRESSED BY MY--

BAM

I HAVE *UNBREAKABLE SKIN*, YOU JAG!

STAY BACK!

ST-STAY BACK!

GIVE ME *THAT!*

*BAM*

DON'T--

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

GET *AWAY* FROM ME!

YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?

WE'RE *THE AVENGERS*, YOU DUMB #$@$@#$

SEE? YOU JUST MADE HIM SWEAR.

NOW... WE CAN HELP YOU HERE.

**WEEEOOO

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
1959

HELLO.
GOOD TIDINGS.
DO I KNOW YOU?
I BELIEVE NOT.
HOW DID YOU KNOW TO CONTACT ME?

I'M SORRY?
ARE YOU MY CONTACT?
MY NAME IS ULYSSES BLOODSTONE, GOOD SIR.

I'VE--I HAVE ACTUALLY HEARD OF YOU.
THE MONSTER HUNTER.
CHEERS.
MY NAME IS ERNST SABLINOVA.

THE SILVER SABLE.
NO ONE REALLY CALLS ME THAT.
NOT SINCE THE WAR.
A MAN AFTER MY OWN.
WELL AND GOOD TO MEET YOU.
I HEARD YOU TORE THOSE NAZI BASTARDS DOWN ALL THROUGH EUROPE.
WELL, THE MONEY WAS GOOD.
ISN'T IT THOUGH.
AND YOU *DIDN'T* CALL ME HERE?

I WAS CALLED HERE MYSELF.
HMMM.
IT MAY BE THAT WE HAVE BEEN SET UP.
NOT FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN'T HANDLE.

IN FACT, IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S RIGHT UP ALL OF YOUR ALLEYS.

MY NAME IS NICHOLAS FURY.

WELCOME TO THE AVENGERS.

THAT'S RATHER PRESUMPTUOUS.

WHAT ARE WE AVENGING?

ACCORDING TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN US, ***THE RED SKULL*** IS VERY MUCH ALIVE AND THE THIRD REICH IS OFFICIALLY THE FOURTH REICH.

WELL, THAT'S JUST DISAPPOINTING ON A PROFOUND LEVEL.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE BAD NEWS...

ACCORDING TO THOSE WHO KNOW, THERE'S SOME SORT OF SECRET WEAPON OR SECRET SOMETHING THAT IS EMPOWERING THEM INTO PLAY.

WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS AND TRY NOT TO ACCIDENTALLY BLOW UP THE WORLD WHILE DOING SO.

THE GOOD NEWS IS...YOU, ALL OF YOU, WERE BORN FOR THIS.

NOW

SHKADOOM

THIS IS HARDLY FAIR PLAY.

I DIDN'T GET MY MEN TRAINED.

I DIDN'T GET MY DUCKS IN A ROW.

YOU SUCKER-PUNCHED US!

SHKADOOM

I DIDN'T SEE WHAT HIT HER.

BREATHING IS SHALLOW. SHE'S NON-RESPONSIVE.

WHICH ONE IS SHE?

THIS IS MOCKINGBIRD. SHE'S AN AVENGER. WE'RE ALL--ALL AVENGERS.

MOCKINGBIRD? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HER NAME IS BOBBI.

BOBBI?

HARDLY FAIR TO SNEAK UP ON US LIKE THIS...

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THIRTY-YEAR-OLD! SHOT IN THE CHEST!

NAME?

MOCKINGBIRD.

THAT'S NOT A NAME!

IT'S HER NAME!

MUTANT?!

DON'T KNOW. SHE'S-- SHE'S AN AVENGER. SHE'S AN AVENGER.

MOCKINGBIRD?

WHAT ARE THE AVENGERS DOING IN RHODE ISLAND?!

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HER.

THEY TOLD ME SHE DOESN'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS LIKE THE REST OF THEM.

THEN WHAT THE HELL WAS SHE DOING IN THAT LINE OF WORK?!

BEEP BEEP

BEEP BEEP BEEEEEEE!

CODE BLUE! CODE BLUE!

WHAT DO WE DO, DOC?

THERE'S-- THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE.

WE SHOULD CALL HER EX-HUSBAND.

SOMEONE WANT TO CHECK VENTILATION?

NO READABLE PULSE.

NO SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATION.

PADDLES!

MONITOR'S UP.

CHARGING.

HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN. 1959

Wardhus

I TELL YA, SINCE THE BIG WAR I HATE GIVING OUT INTEL I HAVEN'T GATHERED MYSELF.

YA ASK ME, INTEL'S LIKE A LADY, THE MORE HANDS THAT TOUCH IT, THE WORSE IT GETS.

WHY ARE WE HERE, FURY?

I'M TELLING YOU, VICTOR.

IF WE'RE FIGHTING NAZIS WE SHOULD BE WHERE THE NAZIS ARE.

WE SHOULD BE IN GERMANY, IN SOUTH AMERICA...

THE RED SKULL *WAS* IN GERMANY, HE *WAS* IN SOUTH AMERICA...

NOW HE'S *HERE*.

IN SWEDEN?

TWICE!

TWICE IN THE LAST YEAR, HIS BRAND SPANKIN' NEW REICH WAS INFILTRATED BY UNITED STATES SECRET AGENTS.

BOTH TIMES THOSE AGENTS WERE DISCOVERED AND DEALT WITH.

HARSHLY.

SO THIS INFORMATION CAME AT A COST.

WHICH ONE OF US IS GOING TO INFILTRATE?

I'LL DO IT.

IT SHOULD BE ME, KRAVEN.

I'M IMMORTAL. I HAVE THE LEAST TO LOSE.

BUT I AM--

IT AIN'T GONNA BE NONE OF YOU.

IS THERE SOMEONE ALREADY INSIDE?

NO.

THE REASON THIS TEAM WAS PICKED WAS NOT TO INFILTRATE.

YOU ARE A FIGHTING BATTALION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER. YOU ARE HUNTERS AND WARRIORS...YOU ARE GOING TO FIGHT.

THANK GOD.

YOU HAVE GIFTS.

YOU ARE AVENGERS NOW.

YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PICKED TO SPEAK FOR EVERY LOST LIFE AND SOUL RIPPED DOWN BY THE NIGHTMARE OF THE THIRD REICH.

YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVE.

NOT BY OUR PRESIDENT BUT BY EVERY DEAD SOLDIER.

EACH ONE OF THEM IS DEMANDING THAT YOU STAND UP AND RIP DOWN WHATEVER IT IS THE RED SKULL HAS BUILT HERE.

I KNOW, HELL, WE ALL KNOW, SOME OF YOU HAVE DONE SOME QUESTIONABLE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE.

I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD WITH GOD.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE ABLE LOOK BACK ON THIS AND SAY, ON THAT DAY AT LEAST, ON THAT DAY I DID THE RIGHT THING.

YEAH, YEAH... WE'RE ALL PUMPED.

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND. NOW

RRR!

HUH.

THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

I--I--

WHOA, HEY, WHOA! HE'S WITH US. HE'S AN AVENGER.

SERIOUSLY, YOU REALLY WANT TO NOT POINT THAT AT WOLVERINE.

HEY! AT THE VERY LEAST BE MAN ENOUGH TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE.

THIS AIN'T OVER! YOU HEAR ME?

WE ARE H.A.M.M.E.R.!

WE GOT OUR ASSES KICKED PRETTY GOOD.

WE GAVE AS GOOD AS WE GOT, LOGAN.

BUT TELL HER THAT.

HEY, DANVERS, YOU ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE?

NO, LOGAN, I'M NOT.

WE JUST GOT OUR ASSES HANDED TO US... BY SUPERIA.

SUPERIA.

I'M GOING TO REPEAT IT SO IT SINKS IN.

WE, US.

WE GOT OUR BUTTS HANDED TO US BY SUPERIA.

AND I'M STILL NOT EVEN SURE WHO THE HELL THAT IS.

SHE IS THE FACE *OF THE FUTURE!*

SHE'S THE FACE OF *YOUR FAIL.*

H.A.M.M.E.R. IS *THE NOW*...WE WILL NOT BE DENIED *BY YOU* OR BY ANY--

SPOK

QUIET, GROWN-UPS TALKING.

WHERE ARE THE REST OF US?

MOCKINGBIRD GOT HIT.

THE OTHERS FOLLOWED HER TO THE HOSPITAL.

HOW BAD?

IT AIN'T EXACTLY PRETTY.

TELEPORTATION SPELL OF THE VISHANTI. BOOK OF THE VISHANTI, PAGE III.

THINGS ARE DIRE, MY FRIENDS.

BOBBI HAS SUFFERED A TERRIBLE BLOW.

SHE IS IN SURGERY NOW.

ALL WE CAN DO IS HOPE AND PRAY.

WE CAN DO MORE THAN THAT.

LET'S GET HER TO SOME OF FURY'S PEOPLE. SOME OF FURY'S DOCTORS.

SHE CANNOT BE MOVED.

WE SHOULD TELL STEVE ROGERS WHAT HAPPENED HERE.

INCLUDING THE FACT THAT WE WERE SET UP.

WHAT?

WHAT WERE WE *DOING* HERE EXACTLY?

WHY WERE WE SENT *HERE?*

WHO SENT US?

YOU KNOW WHO SENT US.

I DO.

VICTORIA HAND.

EX-NORMAN OSBORN RIGHT-HAND LADY.

SHE'S OUR LIAISON NOW.

SHE WAS ONE OF THE CO-CREATORS OF THIS.

THIS H.A.M.M.E.R.

SHE SENDS US HERE AND NOW THIS HAPPENS?

SORRY I'M BEING A LITTLE MORE PARANOID THAN USUAL, BUT...

WHAT PART OF US BEING SET UP HERE DO YOU GUYS NOT UNDERSTAND?

HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN. 1959

HOW'S IT LOOKING?

THIS IS KRAVEN. NOTHING YET.

THIS IS FORTUNE. I'M VERY BORED.

THIS IS SABRETOOTH, I GOT--WAIT, HOLD ON.

WAIT, I GOT IT.

CONFIRM I.D.

I GOT IT. NAZI TRUCK HEADED RIGHT FOR ME.

DO IT.

♫

MEIN GOTT!

SCREEEEEE

BOOM

HA-- HALLO?

HALLO?

RRAAGGH!!

CHUCK

WE GOT THE TRUCK.

SILVER SABLE.

YOU'RE UP.

EVERYBODY ELSE, IN POSITIONS.

HALT.
STOPPA!
VEM ÄR DU? VAR ÄR CHARLIE?
I'M SORRY?
I AM ASKING YOU, WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE IS CHARLIE?
AH, YES. CHARLES FELL ILL.
TERRIBLE SIGHT.
HE WAS THROWING UP ALL NIGHT.
I THOUGHT THEY'D CALLED AHEAD, NO?
YOU GET OUT OF THE TRUCK!
OH, MY.
THERE'S NO REASON TO YELL.
I COULD DO WITHOUT THE YELLING.
OUT.
OPEN THE TRUCK!
YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS TOLD TO DELIVER THIS RIGHT TO THE HEAD COMMANDER.
OPEN THE TRUCK!
WHY DO YOU NEED *TWENTY SOLDIERS* FOR THIS? I'M CONFUSED.
OPEN THE TRUCK.
ONLY BECAUSE YOU ASKED ME NICELY.

BUUDDDADABUUDDDADA BUUUDDDADA BUUDDDADA

KEEP THE CIRCLE TIGHT AND WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS!

EXACTLY.

WE ONLY HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE FOR SO LONG.

I REALLY DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO ENJOY IT THIS MUCH.

JUST LIKE RIDING A BIKE.

BUUDDDADABUUDDDADA BUUUDDDADA BUUDDDADA

SCHNELL! SCHNELL!

BUUDDDADABUUDDDADA BUUUDDDADA BUUDDDADA

RRAAGGH!

<INFORM THE FÜHRER, WE ARE UNDER SIEGE!>

WELL, THAT'S JUST RUDE.

BUUDDDADABUUDDDADA BUUUDDDADA BUUDDDADA

FÜHRER, WE ARE UNDER ATTACK.

WHO WOULD DARE?!

AMERIKAN?

SOMEONE TELL HERR SKULL NICK FURY'S HERE AND HE'S GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY!

IS IT TIME YET?!

ALMOST.

I FEAR EVEN WE MAY BE OUTNUMBERED, MY NEW FRIENDS.

I THINK IT'S TIME, FURY.

YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT IT IS!

NAMORA, SHOW THEM WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE!

EVERYONE ELSE, FAN OUT!

AVENGERS TOWER, NEW YORK CITY. TODAY

TELL IT AGAIN, MISS HAND.

I'M SORRY TO BRING THIS TO YOU LIKE THIS, COMMANDER ROGERS.

JUST TELL IT LIKE YOU TOLD IT TO ME, VICTORIA.

SPEAK FREELY.

AS YOU KNOW, I WAS NORMAN OSBORN'S RIGHT-HAND MAN WHEN HE CREATED H.A.M.M.E.R.

H.A.M.M.E.R., OF COURSE, WAS POPULATED BY DISGRUNTLED AND EXTREME-THINKING S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS, PLUS EX-HYDRA AND A.I.M.

JUST BECAUSE NORMAN OSBORN WAS PUT DOWN AND JAILED DOESN'T MEAN THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF HIS BELIEVERS STOPPED BELIEVING IN THE DREAM.

WHAT DREAM?

THAT'S NOT THE POINT, HAWKEYE...

I WARNED COMMANDER ROGERS THAT H.A.M.M.E.R. WOULD RISE AGAIN.

AND IT HAS STARTED.

I WAS INVITED, THROUGH BACK CHANNELS, TO JOIN UP WITH THE NEW H.A.M.M.E.R.

THEY WERE SETTING UP SHOP IN RHODE ISLAND AND, IF I WANTED IN, THEY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ME.

I SENT THE AVENGERS TO TAKE CARE OF IT.

TO KNOCK IT DOWN BEFORE IT GOT UP.

GREAT, OKAY...

THE MISSION WAS ONLY HALF-SUCCESSFUL.

THE LEADER, SUPERIA, GOT AWAY.

AND THERE WAS A CASUALTY.

WHO?

MOCKINGBIRD.

JESSICA DREW IS READY TO TRANSPORT YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.

GO.

UGH.

THAT WAS HARD.

PART OF THE JOB.

YOU SEE MY PROBLEMS NOW.

YES.

AND SOME OF THE AVENGERS WILL THINK I SENT THEM INTO THE LION'S DEN.

ONLY WOLVERINE WILL THINK THAT.

H.A.M.M.E.R. WILL KNOW IT WAS YOU WHO PUT THE AVENGERS ONTO THEM.

NO.

MOST OF THEM WILL.

IF MOCKINGBIRD DIES, THEY'LL NEED TO BLAME SOMEONE.

IT'LL BE ME.

SOMEONE TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND A CRYIN' RED SKULL.

HELSINGBORG CASTLE. 1959

BUUPPDABUUPPDADA BUUPPDABUUPPDADA

WHERE'S THE RED SKULL?

I--I--

RED SKULL?

AIIE!

WHERE?!

BOOM

RED SKULL...YOU'RE UNDER--

MISSED HIM!

WE SHOULD FAN OUT AND TRY TO STOP HIS ESCAPE.

TRY TO SALVAGE WHAT WE HAVE HERE.

EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW IS RIGHT-- AGH!!

UM, I'D LIKE TO LEAVE.

I CAN'T BE IN HERE!

WITHOUT MOISTURE, I'LL--

OKAY, OKAY. BLOODSTONE, LEAD THE WAY...

HE'S GONNA TRY TO ESCAPE BY BOAT, WE NEED TO...

**Amanda Conner & Paul Mounts**

*New Avengers #11* Thor Goes to Hollywood variant

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BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL. NOW

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

PING PING

DOCTOR, HER HEART RATE IS SLIPPING.

IT PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT SHE'S GOT A HOLE IN HER STOMACH AS BIG AS ALL MY--

HER HEART RATE IS--

AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS IN THE FIELD I'M GOING TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUY WHO LOST AN AVENGER ON THE OPERATING TABLE.

SUCTION!

SHOULD I GET THE PADDLES READY?

YES. SUCTION, PLEASE!

SUCTION.

ARE WE SURE SHE'S NOT A MUTANT OR HAS ANY KIND OF BLOOD ABNORMALITY?

SHE'S AN AVENGER. THAT'S ALL WE--

SUCTION!

CLINT, MAN, I AM SO SORRY, WE TRIED.

THEY, UH, WANT US TO WAIT IN THE LOBBY.

I WANT THIS DONE BEFORE SHE IS OUT OF SURGERY.

WHAT DONE?

I WANT THIS SUPERIA, H.A.M.M.E.R., ALL OF IT.

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO DO AND I WANT IT ALL BURNED TO THE GROUND IN FRONT OF HER.

I WANT HER IN JAIL OR DEAD FOR THIS AND I WANT IT ALL DONE BY THE TIME BOBBI IS OUT OF SURGERY.

GOOD NEWS THEN.

WE HAVE A LEAD AND MY HUSBAND IS WORKING ON IT.

SUPERIA.

I WANT HER.

HELSINGBORG CASTLE.
1959

UM, IS THAT THE CAPTAIN AMERICA?
IT DOES RATHER LOOK LIKE HIM, FURY.
CAP'S DEAD A LONG TIME.
DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE HIM.
ARE WE GONNA DRAW STRAWS FOR IT, OR CAN I JUST GUT HIM NOW?

KRAVEN AND SABRETOOTH... GO HUNTING.
BUT--
DON'T LET THE RED SKULL OFF THE ISLAND.
NAMORA, GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE AND FIND WATER.
BUT--
YOU'RE NO GOOD TO ME HERE WITH THESE FLAMES.
WHAT ABOUT THIS RATHER LARGE PROBLEM IN FRONT OF US?

I KNOW YOU.

SABLE, BLOODSTONE, YOU'RE WITH ME.
I GOTTA TELL YA, KRAUT, WHATEVER THIS IS...
I AIN'T FINDIN' IT FUNNY AND IT'S JUST MAKIN' ME MAD.
AND I WAS PLENTY MAD TO BEGIN WITH.
THERE'S A BUNCH OF US AND ONE OF YOU.
HANDS ON YOUR HEAD.

I KNOW YOU.

COME ON, NAMORA!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY DO THEY HAVE A CAPTAIN AMERICA?
COME ON!

SON OF A--!

BAM BAM BAM

BAM BAM

BAM BAM BAM BAM

SMACK

AGH!

BLOODY CHEEK!

BAM BAM BAM

BAM BAM BAM

BAM BAM BAM

IF THAT DOESN'T--!

YOU CANNOT KILL ME.

BAMBAM BAM

HHRRR!

AIN'T YOU SOMETHIN'?

I AM A SUPER-SOLDIER.

CRACK

BARRINGTON POLICE PRECINCT, NOW

I AM AN AGENT OF H.A.M.M.E.R.

I DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR AUTHORITY OVER ME OR MY ORGANIZATION.

I DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR AUTHORITY.

I'M SORRY, WHICH AVENGER ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE AGAIN?

LUKE CAGE. THIS IS DOCTOR STRANGE.

HIM I'VE HEARD OF.

AND THIS IS DANNY RAND. THE IRON FIST.

AND YOU WANT ME TO ALLOW YOU TO INTERROGATE A DETAINEE IN MY STATION HOUSE.

SHE'S AN AGENT OF H.A.M.M.E.R.

AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT *THAT* IS?

WE BELIEVE SHE IS PART OF AN ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION THAT WAS SETTING UP SHOP RIGHT HERE IN YOUR CITY.

UNTIL YOU AVENGERS ALL SWOOPED DOWN AND SAVED THE DAY.

THIS WOMAN POSSESSES INFORMATION--

*VITAL* INFORMATION ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF HER TEAM LEADER--

--AND WHAT EXACTLY THE NEXT PLAN OF ATTACK IS.

I'M NOT GOING TO LET CIVILIANS RUN AROUND MY STATION AND PLAY HERO.

WHY DON'T WE WAIT FOR THE FEDS TO SHOW AND YOU GUYS CAN WORK IT ALL OUT AMONGST YOURSELVES.

WE'RE NOT TECHNICALLY CIVILIANS.

WE'RE AVENGERS.

WE ARE FULLY SANCTIONED AVENGERS AS PART OF COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS' AVENGERS INITIATIVE.

SO, WE ARE TECHNICALLY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND, NOT TO TURN IT INTO THAT KIND OF THING...

...BUT WE PROBABLY OUTRANK YOU BY 7000 SOMETHING.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

YOU'RE WOLVERINE.

YOU'VE HEARD OF ME.

YES.

YEAH? WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?

YOU KNOW.

TELL ME.

YOU'RE A MUTANT. YOU'RE AN X-MAN. YOU HAVE CLAWS.

AND WHEN YOU WERE TOLD ABOUT ME...

...WHAT WERE YOU TOLD I DO?

WHAT DID THEY TELL YOU IS MY SPECIALTY?

TAP TAP TAP

HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN.
1959

FUEHRER, WHAT-- WHAT DO WE DO?

WE GET TO THE SUBS.

AND I PROMISE A VAST REWARD FOR ANY DEAD AMERICAN SPY ALONG THE WAY.

WE ARE THE SUPERIOR--

SPLAK

BAM BAM BAM BAM

END HIM!

CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED THAT BIG RED HEAD.

SPING

SPACK

SPINK

BAM BAM

GO, MEIN FUEHRER!

GO!

WELL DONE, GOOD SOLDIER.

I PROMISE YOU, MY SOLDIERS, THESE COWARDS WILL BE PUNISHED IN FRONT OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

WELL, GOOD NEWS FOR ME THEN...

THIS NO-ONE-GIVING-A-#%$&-ABOUT-ME THING HAS FINALLY PAID OFF.

CHUCK

BAM BAM BAM

BAM BAM BAM BAM

BAM BAM BAM BAM

DEMON.

I'M GONNA WEAR YOUR HEAD ON A NECK CHAIN, LI'L HITLER.

BAM

BAM

BAM

CRAZY--!

DEMON FROM HELL!

BAM BAM BAM

HAARRGHH!

BAM BAM BAM

DOG.

AARGH!!

BAM BAM

OOPS.

BAM BAM BAM

BAM

I'VE SURVIVED ALL THIS WORLD'S HORROR.

VICTOR'S GOING TO KILL ME.

WE SHOULD STAY AND FIGHT, FUEHRER!

NO.

FURY HAS BROUGHT DEMONS AND DOGS TO DO BATTLE. WE PROTECT THE PROJECT.

NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PROJECT.

BUT HE WILL NOT SURVIVE THE NIGHTMARE OF MY SUPER-SOLDIER.

THE FIRST OF MANY.

SKRASSHHH

CRUNCH

HOW DID THE AMERICANS DISCOVER US?

I TOLD YOU THEY ARE NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED. THEY ARE NOT FOOLS.

THEY WILL NEVER LEAVE US BE.

THAT IS WHY WE MUST RISE ABOVE THEM.

THAT IS WHY WE MUST NEVER ALLOW THEM A--

SMASK

WHHOOSSSHH

AAGGHH!

HERE YOU GO, FURY.

DIDN'T KILL HIM EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MIGHTY TEMPTING.

=KOFF= =KOFF=!

FALUMP

MEIN GOTT!

RELAX, KRAUT! THIS CLOWN AIN'T EVEN THE *REAL* RED SKULL.

HEY, "SKULL..." GUESS WHAT?

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

YOU LET HIM LIVE?

THIS LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT.

WHAT'S IN THE CASE, SKULL?

KNICK-KNACKS?

TOILETRIES?

HUMMEL COLLECTION?

I WILL KILL YOU, FURY.

YOU WILL DIE FOR ALL YOUR SINS.

WHAT DID YOU DO?
WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT DID YOU DO, YOU BASTARD?!
YOU'LL ALL DIE IN FIRE AS YOUR CITIES CRUMBLE DOWN AROUND YOU.
YEAH?
VICTOR?!
BLOODY HELL!
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
I JUST TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM.
THAT WASN'T *THE PLAN!*
YOU'RE *WELCOME!*
WE NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT HE KNEW!
WE NEEDED TO BRING HIM IN!
YOU IDIOT.
GO TO HELL!

I TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

MANHATTAN. TODAY

MY ONLY FRIEND.

AAH!

AGH!

SLAM

CRASH

HELLO, VICTORIA HAND.
YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
NEVER MIND, I'LL TELL YOU.
MY NAME IS DR. DEIDRE WENTWORTH.
YOU KNOW ME AS SUPERIA.
I *KNOW* WHO YOU ARE!
NOW YOU GET YOUR *HANDS OFF OF ME!*
OR WHAT?
YOUR LITTLE AVENGERS BUDDIES ARE GOING TO *HURT* ME?
YOU ALREADY TRIED THAT *ONCE* AND IT DIDN'T WORK, *DID* IT?
YOU'RE THE GENIUS WHO HAD ONE OF YOUR LACKEYS GET A HOLD OF ME TO JOIN THE NEW H.A.M.M.E.R. ON *OPEN CHANNELS!*
ARE YOU *KIDDING* ME?!
STEVE ROGERS IS *WATCHING* ME!
HE'S *WATCHING EVERYTHING* I DO!
OF COURSE I SENT THE AVENGERS TO YOU.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY I COULD GET STEVE ROGERS TO TRUST ME ONCE AND FOR ALL.
AND *NOW* HE DOES.
SO LET *GO* OF ME AND LET ME TELL YOU WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO NEXT...
IF YOU REALLY WANT H.A.M.M.E.R. TO BE WHAT IT'S *SUPPOSED* TO BE.
GENIUS.

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"JUST SO YOU KNOW...

"OUR TEAMMATE MOCKINGBIRD IS AT DEATH'S DOOR.

"SHOT IN THE GUT BY ONE OF YOU SON-OF-A-$%#& AGENTS OF H.A.M.M.E.R.

61
99
120
80

"IF SHE DIES AND YOU DIDN'T COOPERATE WITH US...

"WELL...

"DO I HAVE TO FINISH THE SENTENCE?"

SO THAT SAID...

I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU, LITTLE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT:

WHAT DID H.A.M.M.E.R. PLAN ON SETTING UP HERE?

AND WHERE IS YOUR BOSS? WHERE IS *SUPERIA?*

I DON'T CARE IF YOUR FRIEND DIES.

WRONG ANSWER.

*YOU DON'T CARE?!*

*YOU CARE NOW?!*

*YOU CARE NOW?!*

WHERE'S YOUR *BOSS?*

I DON'T KNOW!

YOU'RE LYING. I CAN SMELL IT.

AND MY PAL HAWKEYE HAS A PERSONAL STAKE IN THIS.

I DON'T-- AGH--I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER.

I'M- I'M-I'M JUST ONE OF THE TECHNICIANS.

COME ON...THE REST OF THOSE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS WERE GRUNTS. *YOU* WERE HER RIGHT HAND IN THERE.

I'M VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS, LUKE.

THESE ARE SOME BAD GUYS WE'RE DEALING WITH, DOCTOR STRANGE. WE GOT TO PLAY HARDBALL.

AND I'M UNCOMFORTABLE WITH IT.

BAPIDOOPA BOOPA BOOD

DULY NOTED...

CAGE.

HEY, BABE, IT'S JESSICA.

SPIDER-MAN IS SIFTING THROUGH ALL THE STUFF WE POACHED FROM THE H.A.M.M.E.R. RAID.

I THINK, BEYOND ALL EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, THAT HE'S SOME SORT OF REALLY SMART SCIENCE GUY.

SAYS HE FOUND SOME STUFF.

PUT HIM ON.

HEY.

SO THE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS WE WERE FIGHTING *WERE* PUMPED UP FULL OF A REALLY POTENT MUTANT GROWTH HORMONE.

*THAT'S* WHY THEY'RE ALL 'ROIDED OUT LIKE THAT.

BUT A LOT OF THIS SUPERIA SCRIBBLE IS REFERRING TO SOME SORT OF *FORMULA.*

THERE ARE SOME *VERY* OUT THERE CALCULATIONS AND FORMULA SPECS THAT ARE *WAY* ABOVE ANYTHING I'M USED TO.

AND I'M USED TO SOME WACKY STUFF.

WHAT SHOULD WE ASK OUR LITTLE H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT?

WE HAVE HER ON THE ROPES.

*ASK HER WHAT THE FORMULA IS THIS DR. SUPERIA IS WORKING ON.*

I DON'T KNOW.

IT WAS HERS. SHE KEPT IT TO HERSELF.

IT WAS-- SHE SAID IT WAS THE FUTURE.

SHE SAID IT WAS A GIFT FROM THE PAST AND IT WAS OUR FUTURE.

SHE SAID IF WE DID WHAT SHE SAID THAT WE WOULD ALL BE BLESSED.

WE WOULD ALL SEE OUR TRUE POTENTIAL.

AND YOU JUST DID *WHATEVER* SHE SAID?

DON'T YOU JUST DO WHATEVER THAT TRAITOR CAPTAIN AMERICA SAYS?

WHERE *IS SHE?*

FIRST OF ALL, HER HANDWRITING IS TERRIBLE.

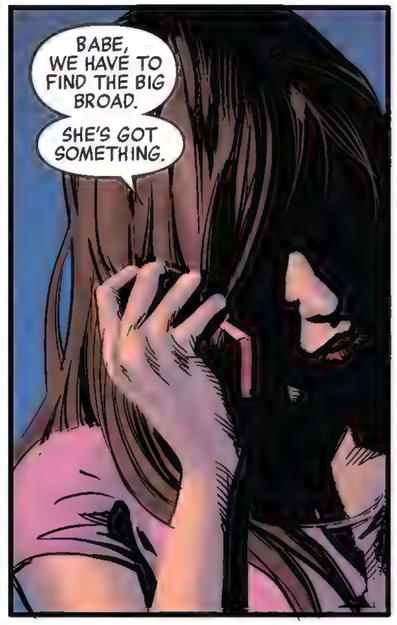
SECONDLY, SHE'S WORKING ON REALLY UNSTABLE STRAINS OF GROWTH HORMONE.

LORD KNOWS HOW FAR SHE'S WILLING TO TAKE IT.

BUT THIS OTHER FORMULA, THIS IS JUST-- WHAT *IS* IT? WHAT IS SHE *MAKING?*

WAIT A SECOND...

SHE--SHE HAS IT ON HER.
WHO HAS WHAT ON HER?
SUPERIA HAS WHATEVER THIS FORMULA IS ON HER.
HOW DO YOU--?
SHE HAD IT ON HER WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING.


BABE, WE HAVE TO FIND THE BIG BROAD.
SHE'S GOT SOMETHING.

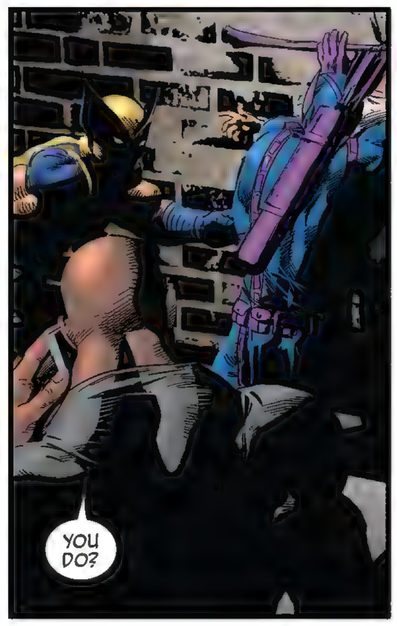
WHATEVER IT IS, SHE HAS IT ON HER.

A RENDEZVOUS POINT.
IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES-- WHERE WERE YOU SUPPOSED TO MEET UP?
SHE--AGH-- SHE CALLS US. WE DON'T CALL HER.
I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO COUNT TO THREE.

THEN YOU START TO BLEED.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS!
YOU ARE LYING, GIRL.
ONE!

BAPIDOOPA BOOPA BOOO
CAGE.
THIS IS VICTORIA HAND.

TELL STEVE ROGERS WE CONFISCATED ALL OF H.A.M.M.E.R.'S INTEL AND WE'RE SIFTING THROUGH IT NOW. BUT WE LOST SUPERIA AND WE'RE WORKING ON THAT AS WE SPEAK.
I KNOW WHERE SUPERIA IS.


YOU DO?

SHE'S CHARTERED A PRIVATE BOAT LEAVING OUT OF THE MARINA HERE IN THE CITY.
SHE WILL BE THERE, ALONG WITH A COUPLE OF HIGH-RANKING H.A.M.M.E.R. SCIENTISTS, AT MIDNIGHT.
THEY ARE MAKING A GETAWAY DOWN TO CUBA.
WAITING FOR THIS TO BLOW OVER.
HOW DO YOU **KNOW** THIS?
BECAUSE SHE CONTACTED ME AND INVITED ME ALONG.
YOU TALKED TO HER?
I'M SENDING YOU THE INFORMATION.
DID YOU TELL STEVE ROGERS THIS?
I CALLED YOU FIRST.
STAND BY FOR INTEL.
WAIT.
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.
YOU NEED TO MOVE.
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
LUKE?

LONDON, 1959

STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

DUVID FORTUNOV.

I'M SORRY?

MY PROFESSIONAL NAME IS DOMINIC FORTUNE.

I WAS ONE OF NICK FURY'S HANDPICKED BLACK OPS "AVENGERS."

HIS WORD, NOT MINE.

IT WAS THE AVENGERS INITIATIVE.

OKAY.

THAT WAS THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S NAME FOR IT.

SO YOU SAY.

EITHER WAY...

WE INFILTRATED AND DID SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE RED SKULL'S CASTLE IN SWEDEN.

THEY HAD MADE A CAPTAIN AMERICA FOR THEMSELVES.

A BULLETPROOF, NAZI CAPTAIN AMERICA.

WHERE IS NICK FURY?

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT MYSELF.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW HIM?

AFTER THE HULLABALOO, FURY GRABBED HIMSELF THE RED SKULL'S MYSTERY MAKEUP CASE AND TOOK OFF.

HE JUST LEFT YOU IN SWEDEN?

HE SAID HE'D FIND US.

AND THAT WAS A MONTH AGO.

YES.

WERE YOU PAID FOR YOUR SERVICE?
WITH MONEY?
NO.
WAS MONEY PROMISED?
NOT, HMM, NOT REALLY.
I THINK WE ALL ASSUMED.
THINGS LIKE THIS TEND TO PAY HANDSOMELY.
BUT YOUR NAME HAS BEEN CLEARED IN QUITE A FEW OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL INCIDENTS YOU WERE WANTED IN QUESTIONING FOR.
HAS IT?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
HOW WOULD I?
IT SEEMS YOU WERE PAID IN LEGITIMACY.
YEAH. HUH.
WHAT WAS IN THE RED SKULL'S CASE?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAID?
THE RED SKULL HAD HIS *OWN* CAPTAIN AMERICA.
DO YOU *UNDERSTAND?*
I SHOT THE GUY WITH A GUN AS CLOSE AS YOU ARE TO ME.
I *SHOT* HIM.
AND HE *TOOK* IT.
RIGHT IN THE CHEST.
WHY WOULD THE NAZIS HAVE A CAPTAIN AMERICA?
HOW DID THEY DO *THAT?*
WHY DID THEY DO THAT?
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE FURY IS?
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE NAZIS WERE DOING WITH A CAPTAIN AMERICA WHO CAN TAKE A BULLET TO THE CHEST.

NOW.

I DON'T LIKE THIS.

HAND JUST CAME OUT AND *TOLD* YOU SUPERIA CALLED HER?

CAME RIGHT OUT AND SAID IT.

WHO IS THIS HAND PERSON?

VICTORIA HAND IS OUR LIAISON TO STEVE ROGERS.

AND SHE *USED* TO BE PART OF H.A.M.M.E.R. WHEN IT WAS THE INSANE IDEA OF NORMAN OSBORN.

AND, F.Y.I., I *TOLD* YOU SHE WAS GOING TO SCREW US JUST LIKE SHE--

SHE DIDN'T BETRAY US.

REALLY?

SHE WAS THE ONE WHO SENT US ON THIS MISSION TO TAKE OUT THE H.A.M.M.E.R. CELL IN THE FIRST PLACE.

UH-HUH. AND NOW MOCKINGBIRD HAS A *GIANT HOLE* IN HER CHEST.

SHE'S THAT WAY BECAUSE OF ME.

DAMN RIGHT.

LOGAN!

HEY, *NOT* COOL.

HOW SO?

I JUMPED INTO THE FIGHT HALF-ASSED.

I DID IT.

I THOUGHT I WAS BEING FUNNY AND NOW SHE'S IN THE HOSPITAL.

BEN, YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO SHOT HER.
YOU DIDN'T PUT A TERRORIST CELL IN A @#$@ STRIP MALL.
THEY DID IT.
SHE DID IT.
I'LL FIX THIS.
SPIDEY, I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT HAND.
HAND IS GATHERING INTEL FOR US THE MOST DANGEROUS WAY POSSIBLE.
I'M TELLING YOU, SHE'S--
AND WHAT DOES SHE GET OUT OF THE INSANITY OF A DOUBLE LIFE? WHY NOT JUST POISON US OR--?
I'M TELLING YOU, THIS IS FISHY.
FISHY FISHY.
MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING TOO.
THAT'S COPYRIGHTED.
SOMEONE'S COMING.
FIVE MINUTES EARLY.
STRANGE...
MAKE SOME MAGIC.
WAIT, I HEAR--

NEVER MIND.

JEEZ.

JUST GET TO THE SUB.

HOW DID THEY KNOW WE'D BE HERE?

IT'S OKAY, WE KNEW THEY'D KNOW.

BOOM

BOOOMM

ROUND TWO, WITCH.

FASSHOOMM

GET 'EM DANNY!

I HATE WHEN YOU THROW ME!

DO IT ANYHOW!

KOOM

I HATE HIM TOSSING ME.

I WOULD HATE THAT, TOO.

BUT IT DID LOOK PRETTY COOL.

YOU GOT 'EM?

HELL YES.

THUP

THUP

THUP

AGH!

AAIIEE!!

YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR FRIEND?!

I CAN SAVE HER!

WHAT'S INSIDE HERE CAN SAVE HER!

YEAH?

BULL.

NICE TRICK GETTING VICTORIA HAND TO LIE RIGHT TO MY FACE.

I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.

I THOUGHT SHE WAS ONE OF US.

YOU GUYS MUST PAY BETTER.

NOT REALLY.

WHAT'S IN THE CASE?

FAIR TRADE.

YOUR FRIEND GETS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE. I WALK.

I LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

WHY ON EARTH WOULD WE TRUST YOU?

I DON'T THINK SHE'S LYIN'.

ME NEITHER.

LOOK AT HER. SHE'S THE POSTER GIRL FOR--

IF I'M LYING, YOU CAN PUT ME RIGHT IN--

!!!

NEGOTIATION OVER.

FOR REAL.

M'CASTA SPELL OF ITEM TRANSFERENCE. BOOK OF VISHANTI, PAGE 3535.

I'M GOING TO WANT MY LAWYER.

COPS ARE COMING.

'BOUT TIME.

WHAT'S IN THE CASE?

SHE WAS MINE.

SORRY.

I BELIEVE THAT'S MINE.

OF COURSE IT IS.

NICK FURY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO THERE WAS A BREAK-IN AT A VERY SECRET STORAGE FACILITY THAT ONLY 25 PEOPLE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD EVEN KNOW EXISTS.

HOW H.A.M.M.E.R. KNEW ABOUT IT IS A QUESTION FOR ANOTHER DAY...

THE CONTENTS OF THIS STORAGE FACILITY INCLUDE MANY THINGS YOU'D BE HAPPY TO KNOW ARE SAFELY TUCKED AWAY...

BUT THE ONE THING THEY STOLE, THE ONLY THING H.A.M.M.E.R. WAS INTERESTED IN, WAS WHAT IS IN THAT CASE.

WHAT'S IN IT?

BAYAMO, CUBA. 1959

CANTINA

WHY DID THE NAZIS HAVE THEMSELVES A CAPTAIN AMERICA?

LOWER YOUR VOICE, FURY.

ANSWER THE QUESTION, GENERAL.

OUR INTEL GOING IN SAID WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE THIRD REICH TOOK IT UPON ITSELF TO RE-CREATE THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM THAT BROUGHT CAPTAIN AMERICA INTO THE WORLD.

*THAT* YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME.

WE DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE THIS FAR ALONG.

WELL, THEY WERE.

THE THING IS, THESE NAZIS MIXED THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM, OR THEIR VERSION OF IT, WITH THE ***INFINITY FORMULA,*** OR, I SAY AGAIN, ***THEIR*** VERSION OF IT.

"WAIT... WHAT'S THE INFINITY FORMULA?"

THE THING THAT KEEPS ME LOOKING SO PRETTY AS I COME CLOSE TO MY HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

"SO IT'S A SUPER-SOLDIER NON-AGING FORMULA."

IT MIGHT BE.

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE FORMULA?

THAT'S A LITTLE BIT ABOVE AND BEYOND YOU AND ME, FURY.

FRANKLY, I'D HATE TO SEE IT OUT IN THE OPEN.

DON'T THINK WE'RE READY FOR IT YET.

WORLD'S GOING CRAZIER.

BY THE MINUTE.

I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD GET EASIER.

THEY MADE A CAPTAIN AMERICA.

THEY DO LOVE SYMBOLS.

TODAY.

SHE'S GOING TO DIE.

THIS AIN'T YOUR CALL, BARTON.

SHE'S GOING TO DIE.

WE ALL DO.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HER BODY WILL REACT.

SHE GAVE UP SO MUCH TO BE MOCKINGBIRD. IT ENDED OUR MARRIAGE...

YOU HAVE NO IDEA.

I ACTUALLY HAVE A *DAMN* GOOD IDEA.

WE ALL MADE SACRIFICES.

SHE DESERVES ANOTHER CHANCE.

LISTEN TO ME...

YOU'RE GOING TO TURN HER INTO SOMETHING SHE DIDN'T ASK FOR.

IF IT WORKS... A CROSS BETWEEN ME AND CAP, SURE, IT SOUNDS GREAT IN THEORY.

BUT THE INFINITY FORMULA...

IT'S NOTHING BUT A TICKET TO EVERY FRIEND'S FUNERAL.

EVERYONE SHE'LL EVER KNOW WILL DIE WHILE SHE WATCHES.

INCLUDING YOU.

DO IT.

WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW STABLE THIS IS.

OR I WILL.

IF THIS WORKS, WILL SHE HAVE NEW POWERS?

HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW?

MY NAME IS DR. DEIDRE WENTWORTH! I AM HERE WITHOUT DUE PROCESS!

I HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED AN ATTORNEY AND I HAVE NOT BEEN JUDGED IN A COURT OF LAW!

YOU DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

REALLY.

IF ANYONE CAN HEAR ME, I'M BEING HELD AGAINST MY WILL!

YOU'RE IN PRISON WITH ME AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IT.

OH, OKAY...

THE RAFT, SUPER MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON.

CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN.

WELL DONE, MISS HAND.

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AVENGERS COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS HAS GIVEN LUKE CAGE, JESSICA JONES, MS. MARVEL, MOCKINGBIRD, SPIDER-MAN, WOLVERINE, IRON FIST, DOCTOR STRANGE AND THE THING THE KEYS TO AVENGERS MANSION, A LIAISON IN THE CONTROVERSIAL FORM OF VICTORIA HAND AND FREE REIN TO PROTECT THE WORLD ANY WAY THEY SEE FIT.

IN A RECENT BATTLE WITH THE REMNANTS OF NORMAN OSBORN'S H.A.M.M.E.R. SOLDIERS, MOCKINGBIRD WAS SEVERELY INJURED. ACTING TO SAVE HER LIFE, NICK FURY INJECTED HER WITH A VERSION OF THE INFINITY FORMULA, THE SAME FORMULA THAT HAS KEPT HIM YOUNG SINCE THE LAST WORLD WAR. NO ONE KNOWS WHAT SIDE EFFECTS THERE MAY BE.

A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY AND FEAR GRIPS THE WORLD.

SIN, THE DAUGHTER OF THE RED SKULL, HAS UNLEASHED AN ANCIENT EVIL INTO THE WORLD: THE FORGOTTEN ASGARDIAN GOD KNOWN ONLY AS THE SERPENT! WITH HIS HAMMER-WIELDING MINIONS, THE SERPENT DEVASTATES THE EARTH IN HIS MARCH TOWARD REVENGE ON ODIN AND ASGARD.

SENSING THE SERPENT'S RETURN, ODIN ORDERS THE ASGARDIANS TO WITHDRAW FROM EARTH AND DRAGS HIS REBELLIOUS SON THOR WITH HIM.

SIN LEADS AN ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITAL, RAZING ALL IN THEIR PATH. HER BLOODY ARMY CONTINUES TO MARCH NORTH, TO NEW YORK, AND THE AVENGERS STAND IN THEIR WAY.

I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS.

YOU KNOW WHAT? FINE. WE DO THIS.

STEVE WILL BE VETTING ALL OF THESE ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS ANYHOW, SO ANYTHING I SAY, THAT I SHOULDN'T SAY WILL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT I'M A TRAINED AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

THE WHOLE OF MY TRAINING IS ABOUT BEING INVISIBLE IN PLAIN SIGHT.

I'M *VERY* GOOD AT THAT.

I WAS *ALWAYS* VERY GOOD AT THAT.

SO BEING AN AVENGER IS QUITE A JARRING EXPERIENCE FOR ME MOST OF THE TIME.

BY DEFINITION, IT IS THE *OPPOSITE* OF BEING A SECRET AGENT.

SO ALL OF THAT TRAINING, THAT MENTAL TRAINING, IS COMPLETELY USELESS.

ALL IT DOES FOR ME NOW IS MAKE ME PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST UNINTERESTING SUPER HEROES ON THE PLANET.

NOT UNINTERESTING TO MY TEAMMATES... BUT UNINTERESTING TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

I DON'T *DO* INTERVIEWS.

I RARELY DO PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

MY EX-HUSBAND USED TO CALL ME THE BASS PLAYER OF THE SUPER HERO WORLD.

I KNOW THAT'S ALL MY FAULT.

AND MAYBE IT'S TIME THAT STOPPED.

I ALMOST DIED RECENTLY.

FOR REAL.

AT DEATH'S DOOR.

I WAS SHOT IN THE STOMACH BY A TRAINED SOLDIER OF FORTUNE.

I SHOULD BE DEAD.

AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT IN SOME SORT OF DRAMATIC FASHION.

I ACTUALLY ***SHOULD*** BE DEAD.

THE ONLY REASON I'M STILL ALIVE IS BECAUSE MY TEAMMATES STUMBLED ACROSS AN EXPERIMENTAL FIFTY-YEAR-OLD SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM THAT SAVED MY LIFE.

DON'T ASK ME HOW IT WORKS, OR FOR HOW ***LONG*** IT WILL WORK...

FOR ALL OF MY TRAINING AND LIFE EXPERIENCE, THERE'S NOTHING THAT REALLY PREPARES YOU FOR--

I SHOULD BE DEAD.

I HAVE TO MAKE THE REST OF THIS COUNT.

AVENGERS MANSION

I'M OUT.

WHAT'S THIS NOW?

I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS AVENGERS LIFE.

BUT I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE.

I FIGURED I OWED YOU ALL THE COURTESY.

I'M SORRY. THAT'S-- THAT'S ALL I CAME HERE TO SAY.

WHAT CHANGED?

WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE FROM MY AWESOME NEW SPIDEY COSTUMAGE, I'M WORKING WITH REED RICHARDS AND HIS FUTURE FOUNDATION.

HOW'S THE FUTURE LOOKING?

AWESOME. YOU CAN WATCH TV ON YOUR PHONE.

SO AM I. SO WHAT?

WHAT'S THIS *REALLY* ABOUT?

IT-- LISTEN, IF YOU NEED ME, CALL ME.

I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

IT'S ABOUT ME.

WELL...

HOT.

AMAZING.

YES, I AGREE.

IT IS.

YOU THINK I'M STILL WORKING WITH NORMAN OSBORN AND H.A.M.M.E.R.

I ***KNOW*** YOU ARE.

I KNOW IT IN MY SPIDER BONES.

I POINTED YOU ***TO*** THEM.

I SET THEM UP FOR YOU TO TAKE THEM OUT AND I RISKED ***MY ASS*** TO DO IT.

THEY ***KNOW*** IT WAS ME.

I PUT A TARGET RIGHT ON MY ASS.

AND YET, LOOK AT YOU.

YOU'RE FINE.

MEANWHILE MOCKINGBIRD GOT SHOT.

SHE GOT HERSELF SHOT BECAUSE THESE H.A.M.M.E.R. GUYS ARE A REAL CONCERN.

SHE GOT HURT BECAUSE THEY'RE DANGEROUS AS @#$@!

WE'RE LUCKY THAT'S ALL THAT HAPPENED!!

YEAH?

LUCKY IS A WORD.

I GOT A TIP ON WHERE THEY WERE AND I SENT YOU TO THEM BECAUSE THAT IS *MY JOB.*

THE JOB *STEVE ROGERS* GAVE ME.

WELL...

THAT'S CERTAINLY WHAT YOU WANT US TO THINK.

OH, WILL YOU--

GOOD FOR YOU.

I'M *OUT.*

YOU DON'T TRUST *ME?*

I'M RIGHT *HERE,* GUY.

MY NAME IS *VICTORIA HAND.* MY MIDDLE NAME IS *LOUISE.*

WHAT'S *YOUR* REAL NAME, *SPIDER-MAN?*

I'M DONE.

CALL ME MISTER DONE.

*I'M* NOT THE ONE THAT'S BEEN ACCUSED OF MURDER IN THE PRESS *NUMEROUS* TIMES.

HEY.

*NUMEROUS* TIMES.

EVERYONE SETTLE--

I'M NOT GOING TO *SIT HERE* AND LET THIS GUY IN A MASK RAILROAD ME OUT OF A JOB I RISKED MY ASS FOR.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

BUH-BYE.

AND THE REST OF YOU, WHEN YOU'RE ALL LOOKING DOWN THE BARREL OF NORMAN OSBORN'S CRAZY GUN, I HOPE YOU REMEMBER I--

HEY, GUYS.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

BOBBI?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I LIVE HERE.

BUT YOU WERE SEVERELY WOUNDED.

YOU SHOULD STILL BE IN THE HOSPITAL.

ALL BETTER.

UH... NICE.

THEY DISCHARGED YOU?

I LEFT.

I WAS SICK OF WAITING AROUND.

OH, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T--

I KNOW. I WAS JUST GETTING GOOFY IN THERE.

YOU'RE FEELING BETTER?

I FEEL AMAZING.

YOU *LOOK* AMAZING.

THANKS, GIRL.

COME WITH ME.

THE FORMULA THAT SAVED MY LIFE WAS A MIX OF SORTS OF THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM THAT MADE CAPTAIN AMERICA...

AND THE INFINITY FORMULA THAT KEPT NICK FURY ALIVE AND HEALTHY ALL THESE YEARS...

SO SUPPOSEDLY NOW I HAVE THE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF CAPTAIN AMERICA WITH THE ADDED VIGOR AND VITALITY OF NICK FURY.

SUPPOSEDLY.

OR IT'LL ALL BACKFIRE AND MY HEAD IS GOING TO MELT OFF MY BODY LIKE A RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK NAZI.

WHO KNOWS *WHAT* WILL HAPPEN TO ME?

BUT I'M ALIVE.

AND I WAS REALLY OVERWHELMED BY THE WARM RECEPTION I GOT FROM THE AVENGERS WHEN I WALKED IN THE DOOR.

I REALLY WAS.

THEY STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS AND WERE JUST...

IT WAS REALLY NICE.

BUT WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR WAS A WAY TO TEST MY NEWFOUND SELF.

AND NOT LONG AFTER, AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF.

BLITZKRIEG, U.S.A.:

WHAT DO WE DO?

WHERE DO WE START?

FIND THE ONE CLOSEST TO YOU AND RIP IT IN HALF.

OKAY, YOU GO FIR--

BOOM

OW.

SCADAM

SCADAM

THE RED SKULL HAD A DAUGHTER.

WHO KNEW?

THE WORST NAZI IN THE WORLD FOUND A LADY TO HAVE A BABY WITH.

HER NAME IS SIN AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SHE IS WORSE THAN HER DAD.

SHE'S WORSE THAN THE WORST NAZI EVER.

WELL SHE ***WANTED*** TO BE. SO WHAT BETTER WAY THAN UNLEASHING HELL ON EARTH?

I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS AT THE TIME, NONE OF US DID.

ALL WE KNEW WAS CRAZY NAZI CHICK...

SOMETHING ABOUT EVIL ENCHANTED HAMMERS...

AND SOME INSANE POWER SOURCE FOR ALL HER NAZI WEAPONS AND GEAR.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH WERE THESE POWERED-UP NAZI EXOSUITED WAR MACHINES THAT WERE HAMMERING DOWN ON NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AND WHO KNOWS WHERE ELSE.

NEW YORK IS THE HOME OF THE AVENGERS. AVENGERS MANSION AND AVENGERS TOWER.

THIS IS OUR HOME.

AND I NEEDED SOMETHING TO HIT.

I NEEDED TO FIND OUT HOW AWESOME THIS NEW ME WAS.

SOUPED-UP NAZI ROBOTS?

PERFECT.

WELL, THIS IS JUST TOO #@$% MUCH.

LET'S SPREAD OUT AND GET CIVVIES THE HELL OUT OF THE WAY.

HOW COME THEY CAN'T FIGURE OUT TO DO THAT ON THEIR OWN?

FOR REAL.

CAGE, THROW ME.

FA-60M

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SLLICEE

SLLICEE

HEIL THIS, BUB.

FA-60M

# RAGNAROK

HI, LET'S GET INSIDE.

WHO ARE YOU?

I'M AN AVENGER.

WHICH ONE?

WE NEED TO GET INSIDE.

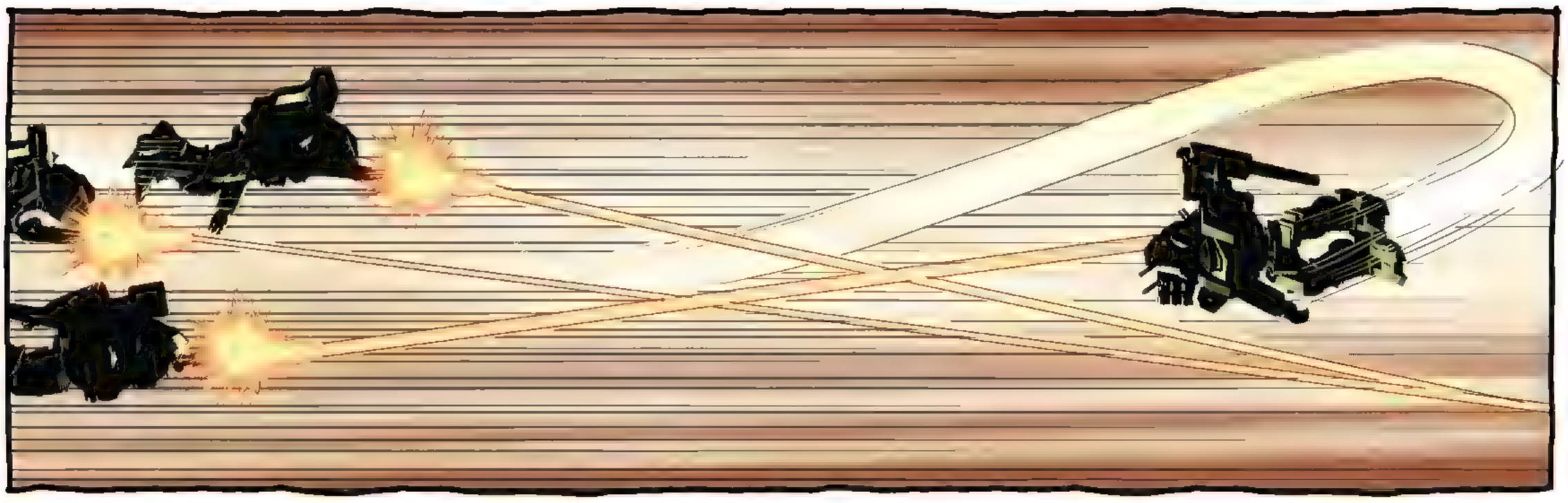
WHICH AVENGER ARE YOU?

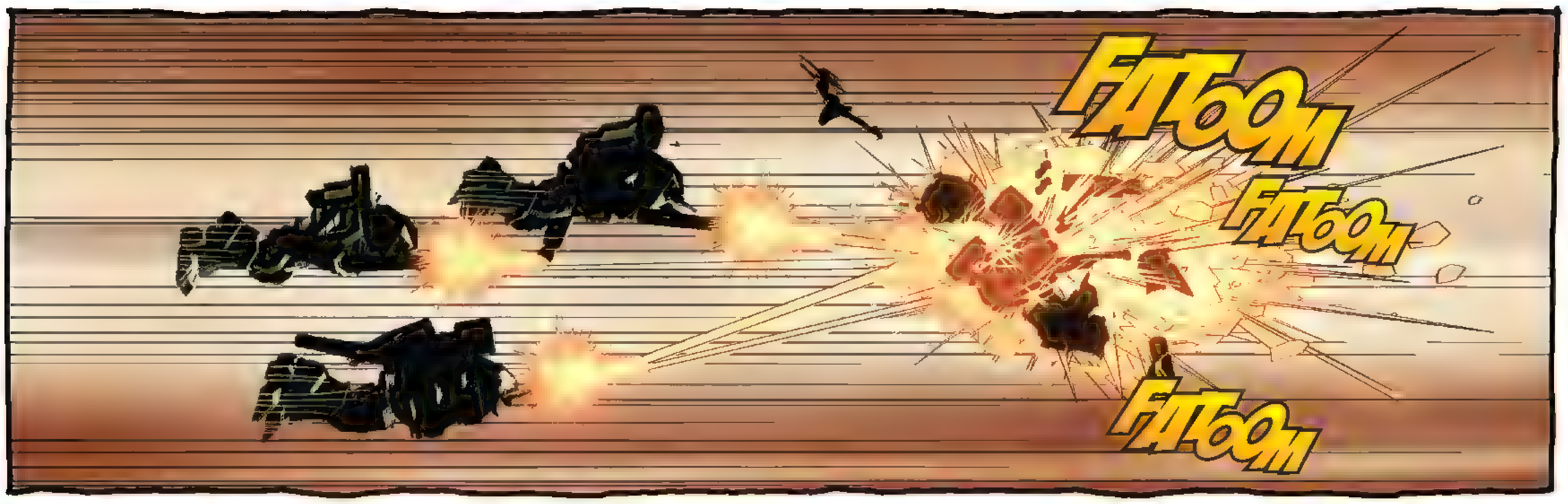
LET'S FOCUS ON WHAT'S--

AAAGGHH!!

FuBOOM

FATOOM
FATOOM
FATOOM
FATOOM
FATOOM
FATOOM
OH, MY GOD, BOBBI, DO YOU ROCK!
THINKING OF MOVING TO SEATTLE.
BECAUSE STUFF LIKE THIS NEVER HAPPENS THERE?
YOU KNOW ME SO WELL.
KRABOOM
FATOOM
FATOOM
FATOOM

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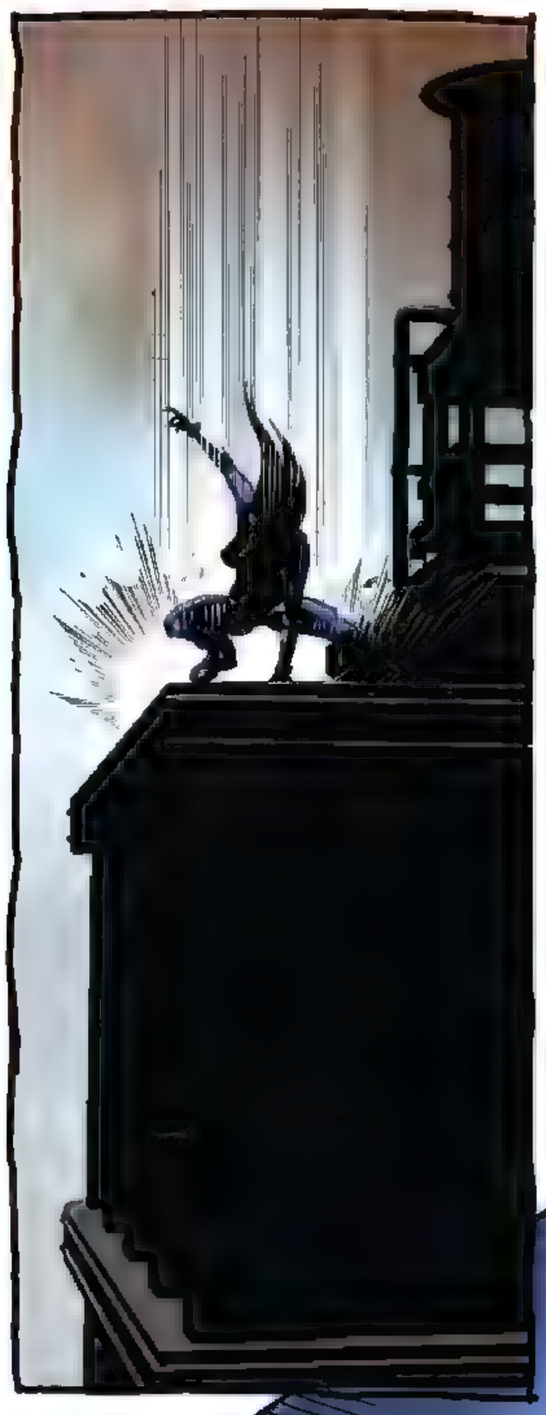

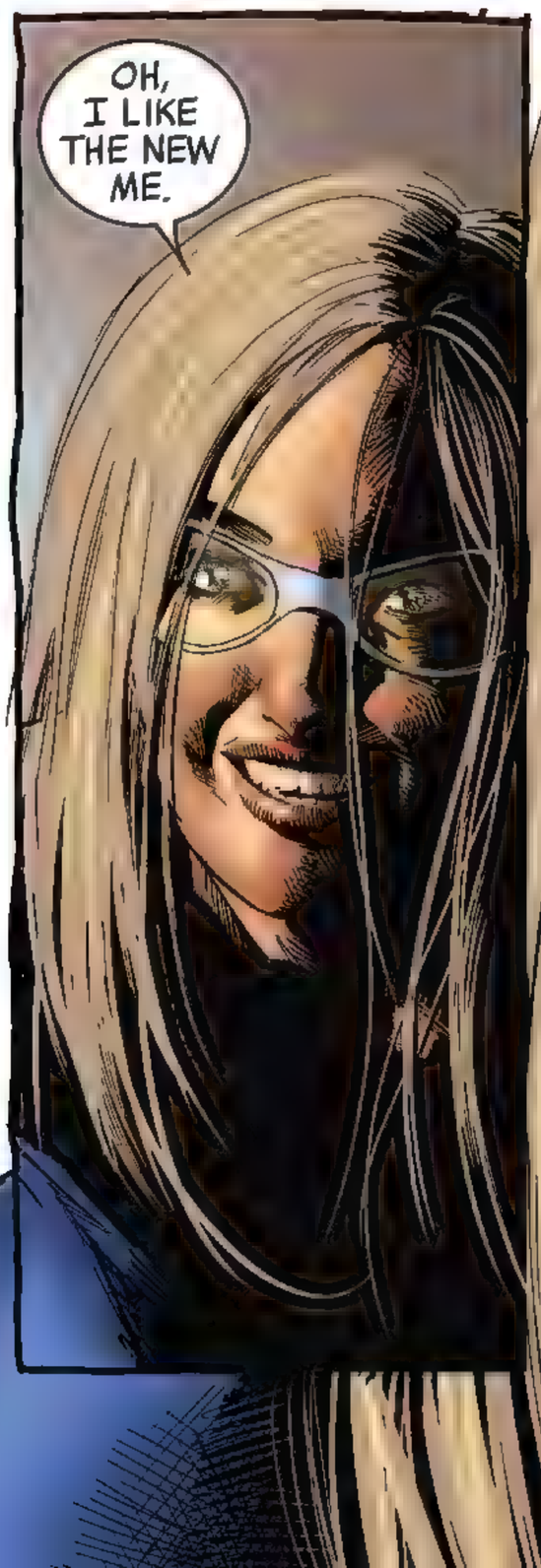
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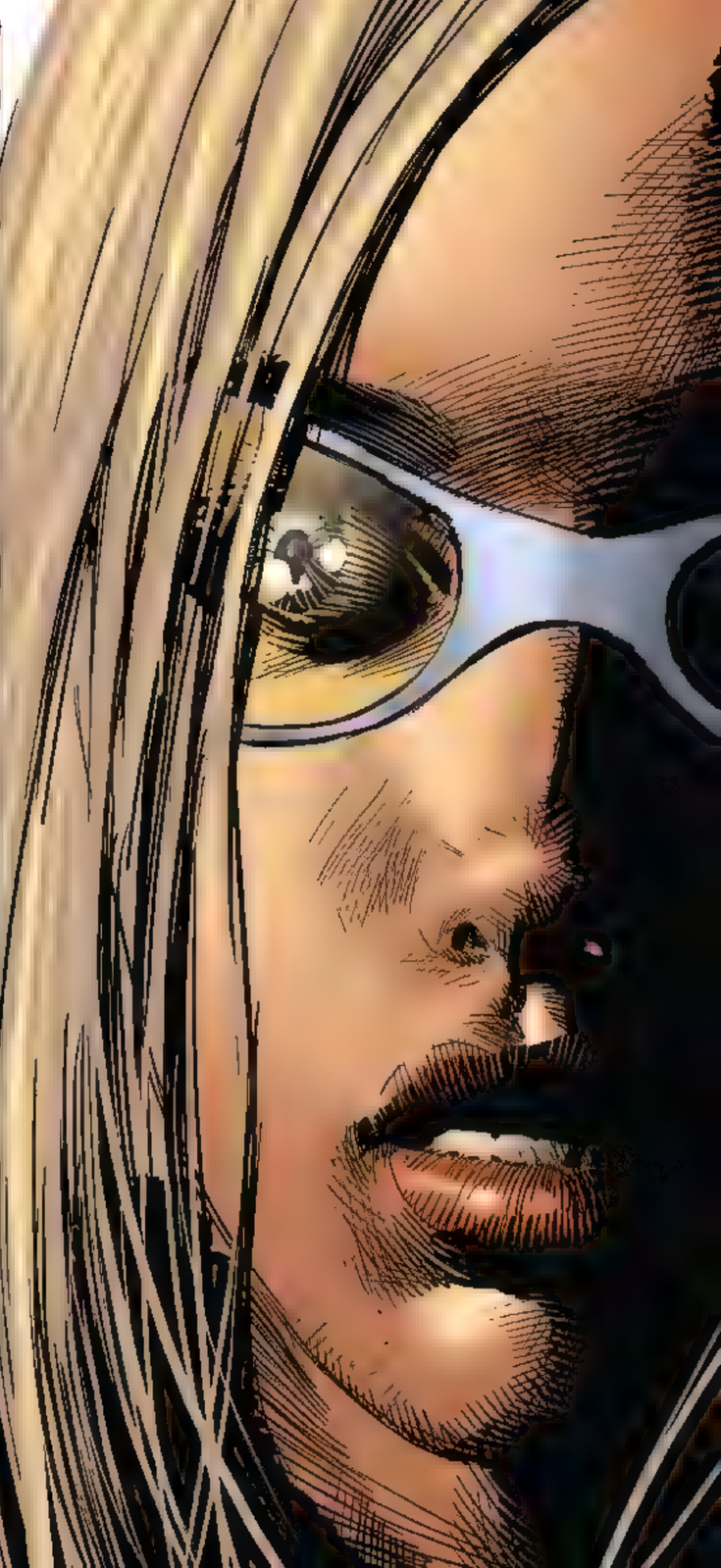

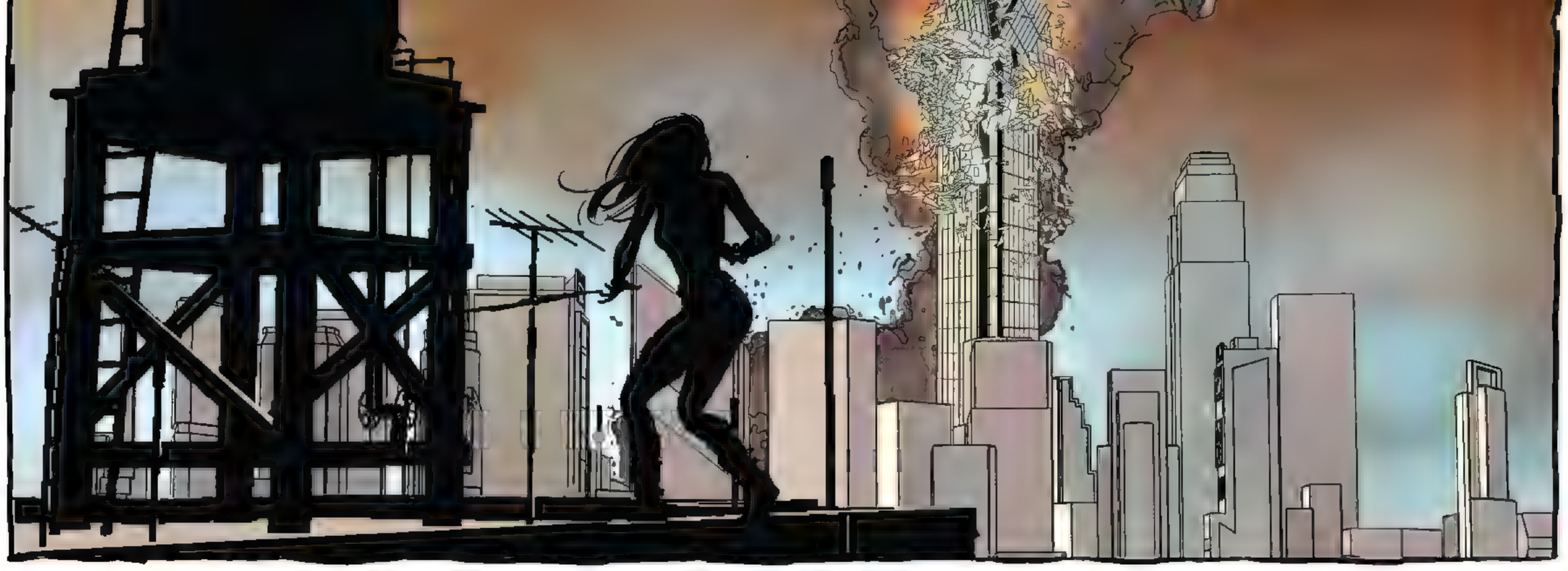

AVENGERS TOWER FALLING WAS ONE OF THE SOBERING MOMENTS OF MY LIFE.

I'VE SEEN A LOT OF STUFF IN MY DAY, BUT THAT WAS--

I WAS INSTANTLY PULLED OUT OF MYSELF.

SO ASHAMED THAT I WAS ENJOYING THE BATTLE.

BUT I WASN'T *ENJOYING* THE BATTLE.

I WAS ENJOYING THAT I WAS ALIVE.

I HAD CHEATED DEATH ONE MORE TIME AND I HAD--IT WAS AN ALL-NEW ME.

I WAS A SUPER-SOLDIER (OF A SORT) AND I WANTED TO LIVE UP TO IT.

BUT NOW I KNEW, ONCE THE TOWER FELL, I KNEW I WAS BEING GIVEN THIS SECOND CHANCE FOR A REASON.

I WAS GOING TO DO WHAT A SUPER-SOLDIER DOES, I WAS GOING TO TURN THE BATTLE AROUND.

I WAS GOING TO TAKE IT RIGHT TO THE RED SKULL'S DOORSTEP AND I WAS GOING TO PUT MY FIST RIGHT THROUGH HER SKULL.

I KNEW WHY I WAS GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE...SO I COULD KILL THE RED SKULL.

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MY NAME IS DOREEN GREEN AND I AM KNOWN AS, UM, SQUIRREL GIRL--

SHOULD I BE DOING THIS?

TALKING LIKE THIS?

EVERYBODY ELSE DID ONE? EVERYBODY? EVEN WOLVERINE?

IT'S NICE TO BE ASKED TO BE PART OF THE, UM, THE RECORD.

UM, WELL, IT JUST FEELS THAT I'M NOT THE...

THE THING IS, I'VE HARDLY HAD ANY TIME WITH THE AVENGERS.

NO, I'M NOT AN ACTIVE MEMBER... NO.

I WAS A GREAT LAKES AVENGER.

IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT?

NO?

NO, I GET IT.

NO, I AM NOT A QUOTE-UNQUOTE AVENGER.

I AM THE NANNY FOR JESSICA JONES AND LUKE CAGE'S ADORABLE DAUGHTER, DANIELLE.

ADORABLE.

HOW DID IT COME ABOUT?

THEY NEEDED, WELL, THEY NEEDED A NANNY WITH SUPER-POWERS OF SOME SORT AND I NEEDED A JOB DESPERATELY, SO...

HAVE I NANNIED BEFORE? NO. BUT IT--I CAN DO IT.

IT FEELS LIKE A JOB I'M ODDLY KIND OF PERFECTLY SUITED FOR.

BUT IT'S NOT EXACTLY THE *KIND* OF JOB I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE...

IT'S FUNNY...

THERE'S ALWAYS *SOMETHING* GOING ON WITH THE AVENGERS.

EVEN WHEN THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON, SOMETHING IS GOING ON.

NO CLAWS.

NO FIST.

SMACK

WHACK

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

PRACTICING.

THEY NEED *PRACTICE?* WE HAVEN'T HAD A MOMENT TO BREATHE IN THREE YEARS.

YOU NEED TO KEEP LIMBER.

LIMBER?

ALL I NEED IS A *NAP.*

RAAGH!

NICE TRY.

SMACK

UH-HUH.

WHACK

HAA!

WHACK

AGH!

I COULD WATCH THIS ALL DAY.

I'M PRETTY SURE WE'RE GOING TO.

WHY DOESN'T HE YELL OUT THE MOVES?

PRAYING LOTUS! FIVE FINGERS OF DEATH! FIST OF THE TAINTED PUNCH!

I'VE SEEN YOU DO THAT.

WHACK

HAI!

TAP OUT.

OH, PLEASE.

WHACK

AND THAT WAS ME AT ABOUT A 6.

I WAS--=KOFF=--- AT A 3.

SURE. OKAY, WHO'S NEXT?

DOREEN, GET IN HERE.

I'M SORRY?

ENTER THE OCTAGON.

SETTLE DOWN, FERRET. THE GIRL IS ON OUR PAY--

NO. I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS.

WHAT?

WHAT?

I WANT TO SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO.

SHE'S IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING OUR BABY...LET'S SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO.

I KNOW, RIGHT?

DID NOT SEE THAT COMING.

GO, GIRL.

KICK HIS BOOTY.

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

I DON'T THINK YOU REMEMBER OUR OLD TIMES THE SAME WAY I DO.

NO CLAWS.

JUST SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT.

WHATEVER!

RAAARRGGH!

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!!

OKAY THEN.

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

AGH!

HUH.

GREAT LAKES AVENGERS REPRESENT!

GREAT LAKES AVENGERS? IS THAT A THING?

OOH, DOREEN, I'D REALLY TURN AROUND--

YOU NEVER TURN YOUR BACK IN A FIGHT!

AGH!

RRRR...I KNOW...

DO YOU?

DO YOU?

OKAY, OKAY...

WELL PLAYED.

OKAY, SO... SHE TALKS TO SQUIRRELS.

YEAH, UH, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT PART.

I'M GONNA HEAVE.

LET'S KEEP THOSE AWAY FROM THE BABY, THOUGH, HUH?

SORRY...

OKAY, I'LL ADMIT THAT BEING A NANNY WAS NOT MY CAREER GOAL.

NEITHER WAS GROWING UP TO BE HALF-SQUIRREL, HALF-GIRL.

BUT ONE DAY YOU JUST WAKE UP AND REALIZE THAT SOMETIMES YOUR LIFE HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN...

...AND TAKES YOU TO PLACES YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE.

THAT'S WHAT'S... MAGICAL ABOUT IT.

I ALSO TAKE CLASSES PART-TIME AT N.Y.U.

THAT'S PART OF THE REASON I WAS SO HAPPY TO GET THE JOB AT AVENGERS MANSION.

CAMPUS LIFE IS NOT EXACTLY WHAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.

I SEE HOW PEOPLE STARE AT ME.

I HAD A FRIEND ONCE THAT SAID I SHOULD CHANGE MY NAME TO "DOUBLE-TAKE."

BECAUSE I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE ANYBODY DO A DOUBLE-TAKE.

"BUT I'M NOT ONE TO TRY AND HIDE.

"HIDING JUST MAKES PEOPLE NOT TRUST YOU.

"PEOPLE LOOK AT ME AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK.

"AND I'M PRETTY OKAY WITH THAT BECAUSE I'M NOT HIDING ANYTHING."

AAHH! DON'T!

SMACK

NO! PLEASE!

YOU KEEP SCREAMING, TEASE, IT'S ONLY GONNA BE WORSE FOR YOU.

WHACK

AGH!

JEEZ!

CLANG

OW!

ARE YOU OKAY? DO YOU NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL?

IS-- IS THAT NORMAL?

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL WAS GOING ON.

BUT IT WAS AN INVASION.

RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA.

AN INVASION!

AND MY FIRST THOUGHT-- MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS: THE BABY!

I'VE GOT TO FIND AND PROTECT THE BABY.

AND MAYBE THAT DOESN'T SURPRISE YOU, BUT IT SURPRISED THE HELL OUT OF ME.

I WILL CONFESS THIS...

WHEN I FIRST AUDITIONED TO BE THE NANNY, I WAS REALLY HOPING THAT THE AVENGERS WOULD NOTICE ME AND SAY AMONGST THEMSELVES: WE REALLY NEED HER ON THE TEAM.

I TOOK THIS JOB HOPING TO BE AN AVENGER BUT NOW ALL I CARED ABOUT--ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS PROTECTING THE CHILD.

EXCEPT...

SCABAM

SCABAM

SCABAM

SCABAM

SCABAM

SCABAM

AGH!

AAHHHH!

DU KLEINES MISTSTÜCK!

NEIN!

NEEEIIINNN!

OH, COME ON...

SCADAM

SCADAM SCADAM

AVENGERS MANSION.

JESSICA, LET'S GO!

WHAT PART OF AVENGERS ASSEMBLE DOES SHE NOT UNDERSTAND?

I KNOW, REALLY.

BABE, I CAN'T GO!

THE CITY'S UNDER ATTACK!

I CAN'T LEAVE THE BABY, LUKE!

WHERE'S THE DAMN NANNY?

JUST GO. GO, I GOT IT.

THE POINT OF ALL THIS WAS SO YOU COULD BE AN AVENGER.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? LEAVE THE KID WITH THE REMOTE AND A BINKY?

GO!

WHAT ABOUT BITCHY WONG?

JEEZ!

I'M SORRY... I GOT HERE...

...AS FAST AS I COULD.

OH MY GOD, DOREEN, ARE YOU OKAY?

I'LL HEAL, MRS. CAGE. GO.

THE CITY IS IN COMPLETE CHAOS.

WE KNOW. WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S OUT THERE?

NOT TO GENERALIZE, BUT... NAZIS.

THE RED SKULL.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?

THEY NEED YOU, MRS. CAGE.

GO.

THE SECURITY SYSTEM WILL TURN ON WHEN I CLOSE THE DOOR.

GOOD. GO.

YOU REMEMBER THE EMERGENCY SCENARIO?

GO!

NNN.

GEE.

AAH!

THAT FEELS-- OW--MUCH WORSE THAN IT LOOKS, BABY.

GLEEK

YEAH, I NEED TO WASH MY HANDS.

AVENGERS MANSION ENTERING LOCKDOWN MODE.

LOCKDOWN MODE?

AVENGERS MANSION UNDER SIEGE.

**John Romita Jr., Klaus Janson & Dean White**

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I GO ONLINE.

I LOOK TO SEE WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT US.

SURE. WE ALL DO.

EVERY ONE OF US.

EXCEPT MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW... THOR.

AND MAYBE WOLVERINE.

MMM, I BET WOLVERINE DOES, TOO.

ANYONE WHO SAYS THEY DON'T IS A LIAR.

AND MY FAVORITE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION--

THE ONE THAT I FIND THE MOST AMUSING...

...IS WHEN PEOPLE SPOUT OFF ABOUT "WHO IS **WORTHY** TO BE AN AVENGER?"

"WHAT DOES IT TAKE?"

"WHO ARE THE **REAL** AVENGERS?"

AND ALL I CAN GATHER FROM THE INTERNET IS THAT **NOBODY** IS.

EXCEPT MAYBE CAPTAIN AMERICA.

AND EVEN THEN YOU'LL FIND A LITTLE POCKET OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA IS NOTHING BUT A PROPAGANDA TOOL PUT TOGETHER BY THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA DIED IN WORLD WAR II.

AND NO MATTER ***WHAT EVIDENCE*** THERE IS TO THE CONTRARY...

THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT STEVE ROGERS IS REALLY STEVE ROGERS AND THAT STEVE ROGERS IS REALLY CAPTAIN AMERICA.

AND THERE ARE A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE NAME OF THE AVENGERS WAS SULLIED THE MINUTE THE ORIGINAL TEAM STEPPED ASIDE TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW MEMBERS.

SO WHO IS AVENGERS MATERIAL THEN?

THAT'S THE QUESTION.

WELL... CERTAINLY NOT A CRAZY NINJA MUTANT.

OR A PUBLIC MENACE...

OR AN ALIEN FROM OUTER SPACE.

OR A WIZARD...

OR A CONVICTED CRIMINAL.

OR A RICH, DRUNK GUY.

OR AN EX-HYDRA AGENT.

OR, I DON'T KNOW, A CIRCUS BOY WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD.

THE POINT IS, SOMETIMES THE ANSWER ISN'T OBVIOUS AT ALL.

SOMETIMES...

"SOMETIMES IT TAKES THE AVENGERS TO DEFINE A PERSON.

"AND SOMETIMES YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT SOMETHING LIKE THE AVENGERS IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEEDED UNTIL YOU HAVE IT IN YOUR LIFE.

"IT KIND OF SNEAKS UP ON YOU.

"CATCHES YOU OFF-GUARD."

"I BET THE RED SKULL'S BLITZKRIEG ON NEW YORK WAS JUST ABOUT THE CRAZIEST THING DAREDEVIL EVER HAD TO DEAL WITH.

"AND WITH HIS ENHANCED SUPER-SENSES AND ALL THAT...

"A GUY LIKE DAREDEVIL, LIKE SPIDER-MAN BEFORE HIM...

"OR, HEY, EVEN ME...

"I BET, I KNOW, HE NEVER SAW HIMSELF AS THE AVENGERS TYPE.

"EXCEPT, ENDS UP, HE IS ***EXACTLY*** THE AVENGERS TYPE."

KA-BOOM

KA-BOOM

KA-BOOM

KA-BOOM

SMASSHSH

DER TEUFEL!

KA-BOOM

AAAGGH!

OKAY THEN.

THAT WASN'T SO...

DAREDEVIL.

I KNOW HIM PRETTY WELL, ACTUALLY.

WELL, AS WELL AS HE LETS ANYONE KNOW HIM.

END OF THE DAY, WITHOUT QUESTION, HE'S ONE OF THE BEST.

EVER.

I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO WHO HE IS AND HOW HE BECAME WHO HE BECAME.

AND I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT DAREDEVIL AND ALL OF HIS SECRETS.

BUT I CAN TELL YOU FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT THE INFORMATION THAT'S OUT THERE ABOUT HIM IS PRETTY MUCH CRAP.

LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DAREDEVIL IS THAT THIS MAN HAS SACRIFICED ***EVERYTHING*** TO TRY TO MAKE THIS CITY SAFER.

HE HAS ***LOST*** MORE AND ***SUFFERED*** MORE FOR HIS DEDICATION TO ***YOU*** THAN, WELL, ANYBODY I KNOW.

AND I KNOW SOME PEOPLE WHO'VE SUFFERED AND LOST.

HE AIN'T THE STRONGEST OF US, AND HE AIN'T THE FLASHIEST...

BUT DAREDEVIL ***CANNOT*** BE BROUGHT DOWN.

IT CANNOT HAPPEN.

HE IS DRIVEN BY DEMONS DEEPER THAN ANYTHING ANYONE YOU KNOW HAS EVER BEEN DRIVEN BY.

AND I'M TELLING YOU, IN ***THIS*** BUSINESS, ***ALL OF US*** ARE DEMON-DRIVEN.

AND EVEN ON ***THAT*** LEVEL HE ***STILL*** DEFINES HIMSELF BY HIS DRIVE AND DEDICATION.

PEOPLE GONNA ASK: IS DAREDEVIL AVENGERS MATERIAL?

IN MY OPINION, AND I DON'T MEAN TO BE ALL CORNY, BUT TO ME THE QUESTION IS:

"ARE THE AVENGERS DAREDEVIL MATERIAL?"

SMASH!!

SCABAM SCABAM SCABAM SCABAM SCABAM SCABAM

CLARANG!

FIRON!!!

THAUMP

AGH!

CRAAACCK

FINDET DEN ROTEN!

KEIN SUPERMENSCH VERLÄSST DIESE STADT LEBEND... KEIN--

SCADAM
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AVENGERS TOWER...

OKAY, THIS PART-- I WASN'T THERE.

I'M JUST TELLING IT HOW IT WAS TOLD TO ME.

ALL OF THE NEW AVENGERS ENDED UP AT AVENGERS TOWER JUST AFTER IT FELL.

I HAD LEFT OUR BABY IN THE HANDS OF DOREEN, OUR NANNY, OUR SUPER-POWERED NANNY, IN AVENGERS MANSION.

AVENGERS MANSION IS SUPPOSED TO BE A VERY SAFE AND SECURE PLACE.

EXCEPT WE JUST SAW AVENGERS TOWER FALL ON ITS ASS. SO, REALLY, ***NOTHING*** WAS SAFE.

BUT WE WERE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH THE GHOULISH CRAP RIGHT IN FRONT OF US I JUST FIGURED THAT THE BABY WAS AS SAFE AS IT COULD BE.

I TRUSTED DOREEN.

I COMPLETELY BELIEVED THAT SHE WOULD DO ANYTHING IN HER POWER TO PROTECT OUR BABY.

BUT THIS WAS OVER THE TOP, WHAT WAS HAPPENING...

NOW WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT, ACROSS TOWN, DAREDEVIL--

I ALMOST USED HIS REAL NAME.

DAREDEVIL WAS DEALING WITH SOME OF THESE NAZIS, AND HE OVERHEARD THEM TALKING TO EACH OTHER ABOUT GATHERING AROUND AVENGERS MANSION AND MAKING SURE IT WAS TAKEN OUT AS WELL.

OF COURSE DAREDEVIL SPEAKS GERMAN.

OF COURSE HE DOES.

AND HE FIGURES THAT NONE OF THE AVENGERS ARE IN THE MANSION.

WE'RE OUT DOING WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING...

AND THEN HE REMEMBERS THE BABY...

AVENGERS MANSION ENTERING LOCKDOWN MODE.

LOCKDOWN MODE?

AVENGERS MANSION UNDER SIEGE.

SKAKOW SKAKOW SKAKOW SKAKOW SKAKOW

AAIEE!

GWAA!

GWAA!

LOCKDOWN.
LOCKDOWN.

THAT WAS-- THAT WAS *CRAZY.*

THE BUILDING WAS UNDER ATTACK, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT WASN'T.

EVERYTHING WENT NUTS, AND THEN... NOTHING.

THERE WAS THIS SILENCE, AND THEN...

*CRAZY* NOISES.

LIKE THE WORLD WAS ENDING.

BUT THE BUILDING WAS OKAY.

IT WAS LIKE THEY WERE ATTACKING EACH OTHER.

THERE WAS FIRING.

THERE WERE EXPLOSIONS.

BUT NONE OF IT SEEMED TO BE HITTING THE HOUSE LIKE THE FIRST WAVE OF THE ATTACK.

AND I'M HERE HOLDING THE BABY AND I DON'T KNOW *WHAT* I'M SUPPOSED TO DO.

AND I KNOW IT WAS PROBABLY NOT THE SMARTEST MOVE, BUT...I HAD TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON.

I HAD TO PEEK.

AND WHEN I DID...

GAH!

GLEEK.

KNOCK KNOCK

UH, HELLO?

ARE YOU OKAY IN THERE?

LOCKDOWN. LOCKDOWN.

UH...

GEE.

UM, THE BUILDING'S SORT OF LOCKED ITSELF.

GO INTO THE KITCHEN!

GET AWAY FROM THE DOOR!

NOW!

BOOM

WOW.

DAREDEVIL. HI. IS THE BABY OKAY?

THANKS TO YOU.

FOLLOW ME.

THAT WAS AMA--

IT'S NOT OVER YET.

REALLY, THANK YOU. I--

SHH.

WHAT ARE YOU--?

JUST-- SHH!

THERE!

THREE WEEKS LATER

NELSON & MURDOCK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

WHAT IS THIS NOW?

HOW LONG WERE YOU PLANNING ON STANDING OUT HERE WAITING FOR ME TO SENSE YOU?

NOT MUCH LONGER...I'LL TELL YOU THAT.

JUST RESPECTING THE STRUGGLE OF A DOUBLE LIFE.

LOOK AT YOU.

THE FAMILY CAGE.

OH.

YOU THINK WE WOULDN'T FIND OUT IT WAS YOU WHO SAVED OUR KID?

WELL, I WASN'T-- I DIDN'T--

THANK YOU.

HEY, YOU'D HAVE DONE IT FOR ME.

HOW DID YOU ***KNOW*** THERE WAS AN UNDERGROUND BUNKER IN AVENGERS MANSION?

RADAR-SENSE, REMEMBER?

HEY, SO, YOU HAVE TO TELL ME, HOW DID ALL THAT NAZI STUFF END UP?

WELL, WE AIN'T GOOSE-STEPPIN' SO I GUESS IT WORKED OUT.

IT'S JUST SO ODD TO BE FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE AND NOT BE THERE TO FIND OUT HOW IT STARTED OR HOW IT ENDED.

SOMETIMES YOU JUST GOT TO FIGHT.

SOMETIMES.

WELL, WE WANTED TO GET YOU SOMETHING.

SOMETHING TO SAY THANKS.

NOW YOU ***KNOW*** YOU DON'T HAVE TO--

BUT WHAT DO YOU GET THE GUY WHO HAS EVERYTHING?

WHAT DID YOU TWO DO?

GEEL.

WHAT DID YOU DO?

DAREDEVIL

PRIORITY/IDENTIFICATION

I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS.

YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED.

THE CALL IS GIVEN.

BUT CAPTAIN AMERICA AND I ARE HARDLY SEEING EYE TO EYE--

THIS AIN'T HIS AVENGERS. THIS IS MY AVENGERS.

OKAY, WELL, I THOUGHT YOU AND I WERE ON THE OUTS, TOO.

HONESTLY, WE REALLY LIKE WHERE YOUR HEAD IS AT LATELY.

WE LIKE WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE.

AND, HELLO, WE LIKE YOU.

TRY IT OUT. DON'T SAY NO.

FREE FOOD.

SO WHO IS A WORTHY AVENGER THEN?

HOW ABOUT A SELFLESS SAMURAI WARRIOR.

OR A MISUNDERSTOOD HERO WHO NEVER GIVES UP.

A CUNNING MILITARY MIND FROM ANOTHER CULTURE.

A TRUE MASTER AND PROTECTOR OF THE MYSTIC ARTS.

AN UNBREAKABLE URBAN WARRIOR.

A FUTURIST.

THE BEST SECRET AGENT IN THE WORLD.

THE BEST MARKSMAN ON THE PLANET.

AND... A SWASHBUCKLING NINJA WHO CAN'T SAY NO TO A FRIEND.

NEXT: OSBORN RISES!

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*New Avengers #1* variant

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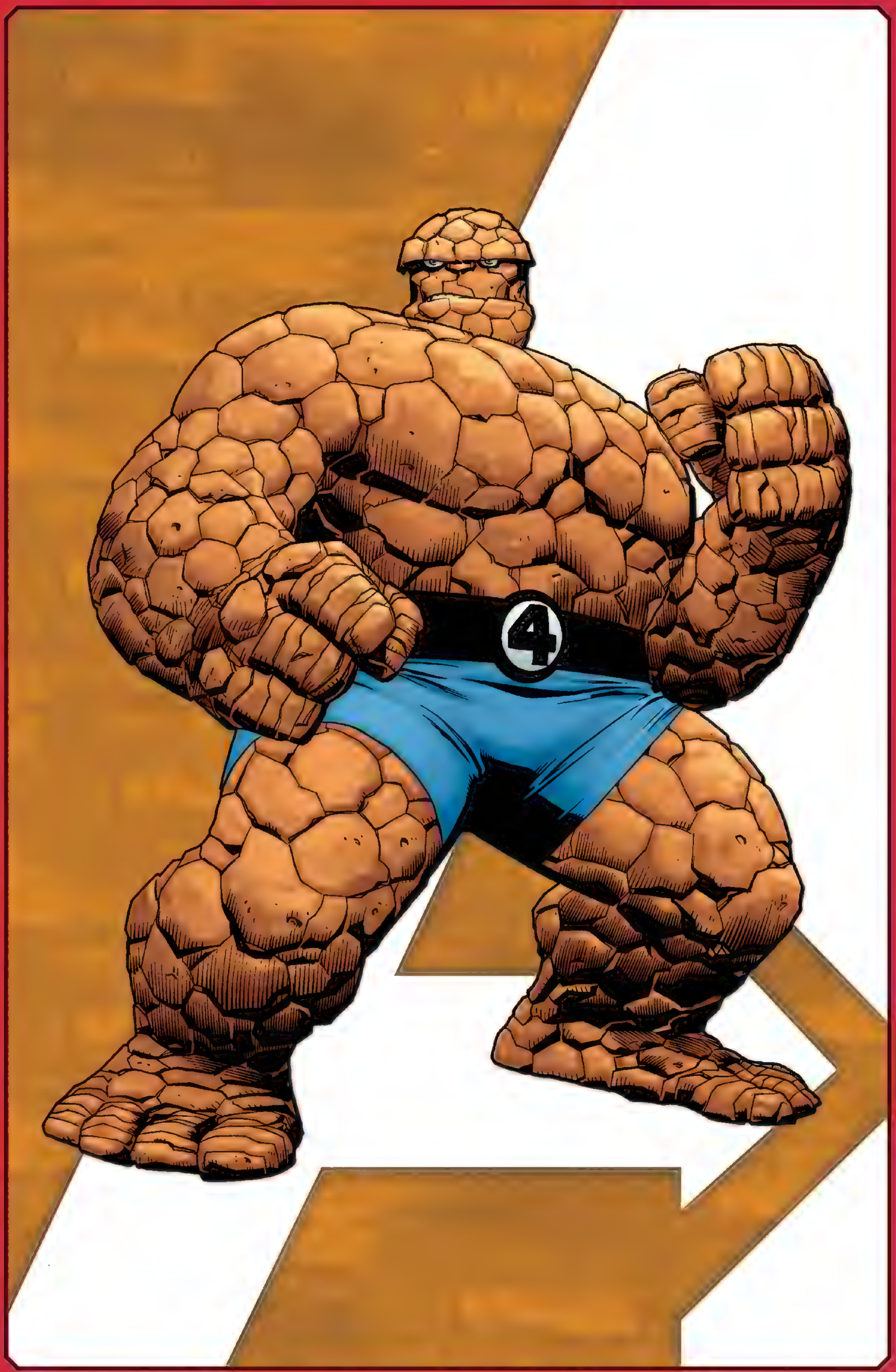

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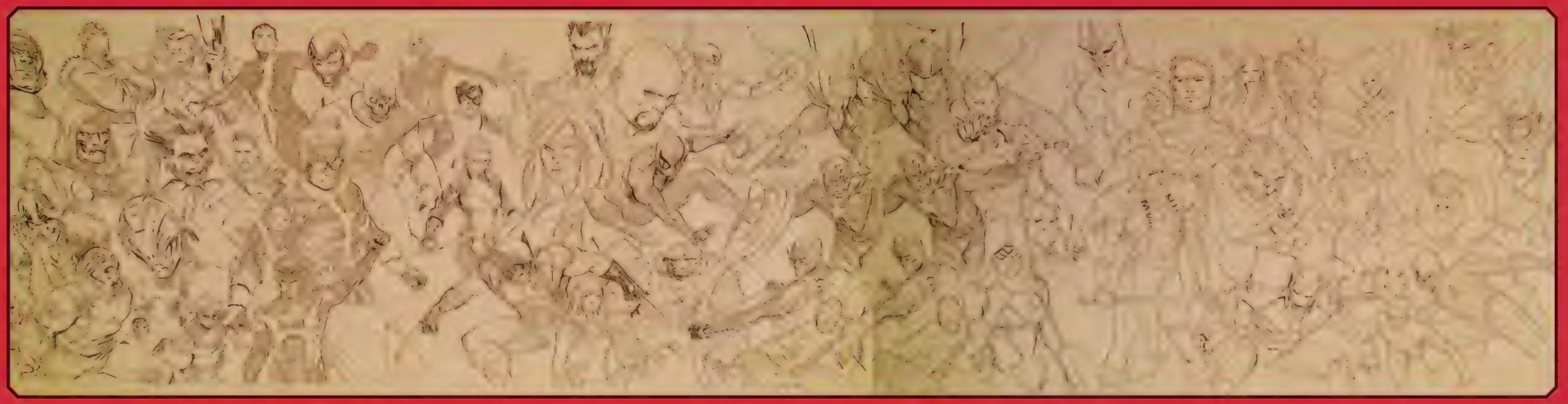

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*New Avengers #4* Super Hero Squad variant

**Stephane Perger**

*New Avengers #5* vampire variant

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